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Race track promoter invited back to Crawford County

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18, drew a large crowd of county residents and officials to the Crawford County Courthouse.

The concerned residents and officials were on hand to discuss the proposed race-track facility in

Crawford County. Most of the persons in attendance were either in support of the race-track project or, at least, in favor of getting more information from the lead promoter, Phil Parmelee, with regards to his project.

The project originally was brought up by Parmelee at the Feb. 4 county board meeting. Parmelee said he would pass on Crawford County at that

meeting, after getting mixed opinions from the commissioners, but has since decided to consider the county again.

The facility would include three race tracks — an oval, a road course and a drag strip. The facility would hold nearly 150,000 in the stands.

Although a specific site has not been determined in Crawford County, three possible sites are being looked at. The

sites are along County Road 612 near I-75, north of the Grayling High School on Old 27, and near Fletcher Road in Beaver Creek Township. The first two sites are located in Frederic Township.

After hearing from many county residents who were in attendance at the Feb. 18 meeting, the commissioners approved a motion to send a communication to Parmelee to

invite him back to the county to discuss his proposed project with a task force or the Frederic Township Board. Also, the motion included a statement that the board supports the race-track concept at this time, so Parmelee can look into acquiring state land for the project.

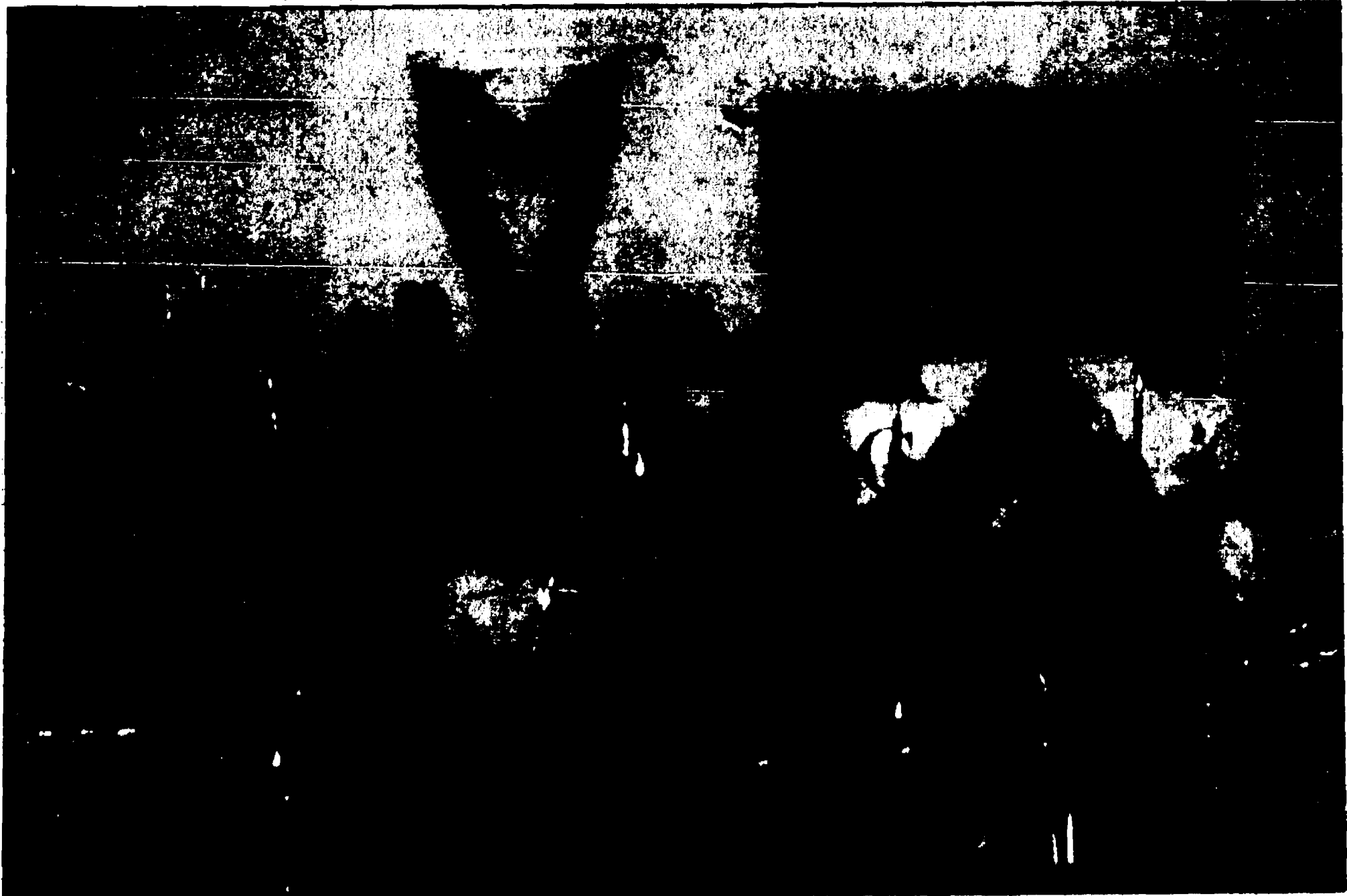
Commissioner John Hartman, the person who made the motion, said the support of the project is based on the information that will be forthcoming. The board could change its mind in

regards to supporting the project, if the in-depth information puts the community against the project.

The roll call vote resulted in a 4-2 decision, with Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke and Commissioner Dennis Long voting against the motion.

The lengthy discussion of the proposed race-track facility was started by two Crawford County residents, John Schneider and Fred Fedak. The two individuals were on the agenda to

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WE'RE NUMBER ONES — These Grayling High School band members received one ratings, the best a musician can get, at the district solo and ensemble festival in Kalkaska. These band students advance to the state festival on March 22. The one-rated students are (front, from left): Brandy Plutko, Heather Ross, Julia McAnallen, Tiffany Ruark, Colleen Dale, Ann Becks, Jessica Becks, Tricia Griesemer, (middle) Deanna Fleischmann, Jessica Scott, Natalie Kent, Becky Pilon, Sara Eagen, Erin Scott, Amanda Febey, Brooke Ginther, Tim Ormsbee, (back) Clark Wilcox, Neil Jozsa, Ryan Gaffke, Pat Lamie, Amy Doherty and Carrie Hellebuyck.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

Frederic board supports race track concept

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Frederic Township has taken the lead in the race for additional information and the search for public comment concerning a proposed race track facility in Crawford County.

The Frederic Township board members approved a motion that supports the concept of the race track project and look at getting more information about the proposal in Frederic Township. The motion was unanimously approved by the five board members.

The purpose of the motion is to get additional information concerning the race track facility and for public comment and review process. One of the sites mentioned in the preliminary track talks was Frederic, and the township board specifically supported the concept of an in-depth look into a Frederic Township location.

The item of the race track proposal was not on the township board agenda, but was brought up during the "Citizens who wish to speak" portion of the agenda.

The idea was brought up by two Crawford County residents who are spearheading a campaign to bring the

lead race track promoter, Phil Parmelee, back to the county to discuss the project. John Schneider and Fred Fedak are the two county residents who would like to get area officials to seek additional information on the project before stating support or lack of support for the proposed facility.

"We don't know what will happen, but we would like to listen to the man's proposal," Schneider said. "This community needs something so it can grow and jobs can be created. Look at Gaylord and Traverse City. They have the best schools and a lot of job opportunities."

Fedak told the board members that the reason this was mentioned at the board meeting was to see if the board would support the concept. This would be something Schneider and Fedak could show Parmelee, so he might return to the county to provide additional information.

When talk of having a special meeting was mentioned, Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert said the board would not call a special board meeting, but an informational meeting with a question and answer period at the township hall could probably be arranged.

Vikings compete at solo, ensemble contest

At the band and orchestra solo and ensemble contest held Feb. 8 at Kalkaska High School, 25 Grayling High School band and orchestra members received a one rating; 14 received a two rating and one received a three rating. A rating of one is the highest rating a musician can earn.

Musicians receiving a one rating are as follows: Ann Becks (flute), Jessica Scott (piccolo), Brandy Plutko (flute and baritone saxophone), Erin Scott and Amy Doherty (French horn);

Ryan Gaffke (alto saxophone), Jessica and Ann Becks (flute), Heather Ross and Julia McAnallen (bassoon);

Deanna Fleischmann, Jessica Becks, Pat Lamie, Becky Pilon, Heather Ross and Natalie Kent (woodwind ensemble), Carrie Hellebuyck (alto saxophone);

Heather Ross (bassoon), Julia McAnallen (bassoon), Jessica Scott and Amy Martella (flute), Natalie Kent (oboe), Pat Lamie (b-flat clarinet);

Colleen Dale (b-flat clarinet), Tiffany Ruark (flute), Tricia Griesemer

(alto saxophone), Deanna Fleischmann (flute), Jessica Scott (flute);

Brooke Ginther, Amanda Febey, Clark Wilcox, Neil Jozsa and Tim Ormsbee (brass ensemble), Erin Scott (French horn) and Sara Eagen (trumpet).

Those receiving a two rating are as follows: Amy Martella (flute), Krystina Rugenstein (flute), Amy Stevenson (flute), Tiffany Ruark and Krystina Rugenstein (flute);

Heidi Wallace (b-flat clarinet), Heidi England (trumpet), Brooke Ginther and Amanda Febey (trumpet), Sara Eagen and Marianne Vollmer (trumpet);

Jessica Becks (flute), Marianne Vollmer (trumpet), Krystal Harris (flute), Tricia Griesemer and Carrie Hellebuyck (alto saxophone), Amy Doherty (French horn) and Danielle McClain and J.R. Akers (trumpet).

Krystle Harris received a three rating on the piano.

Those musicians receiving a one rating will be attending the state competition at Ferris State University on March 22.

Plans continue for private golf and country club coming to South Branch

Professional golfers set to design two 18-hole golf courses

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The conceptual and planning stage continues for northern Michigan's newest private residential golf community.

A new private golf and country club

said Ed Ventline, a local person involved with the project.

The community will be designed as a special retreat featuring custom homesites averaging one-half acre in size, many of which will be highlighted by the golf course, lake views, streams or forest.



will be located in South Branch Township in Crawford County. The residential community will be located where the South Branch Ranch currently is.

Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club is being brought to Crawford County by a real estate development firm out of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Forest Dunes is planned to be a 1,200-acre private, gate-guarded country club community with a package of year-round activities. The centerpiece of the community will be two distinct 18-hole championship golf courses — the "White Tail" course designed by top-rated PGA Senior Touring Professional Tom Weiskopf and the "Wild Turkey" course designed by two-time Master's Champion Ben Crenshaw.

The designers want to make Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club one of the top five golf courses in Michigan,

According to Tom Barrett, a partner in the Forest Dunes project, the Crawford County location has a number of advantages which drew the company to the area.

"We like the dynamics of the area, including a strong population base within two to three hours from the site," Barrett said. "It has strong recreational access and the freeway access."

According to Barrett, the Forest Dunes development team has met with South Branch Township and Crawford County officials. They also have talked with the Department of Natural Resources officials.

The group has completed the first draft of the master plan for the project, Barrett said. People are reviewing the first draft at this time. In a couple of weeks Barrett projects that the plan will be brought before the township for possible approval.

The time frame for the project is not positively set until approval of the final project plan is received from the necessary organizations. In a best case scenario, Barrett said the company would like to start construction sometime this summer on part of the project. It is possible that the first golf course could be open by 1998 and the second course by 1999.

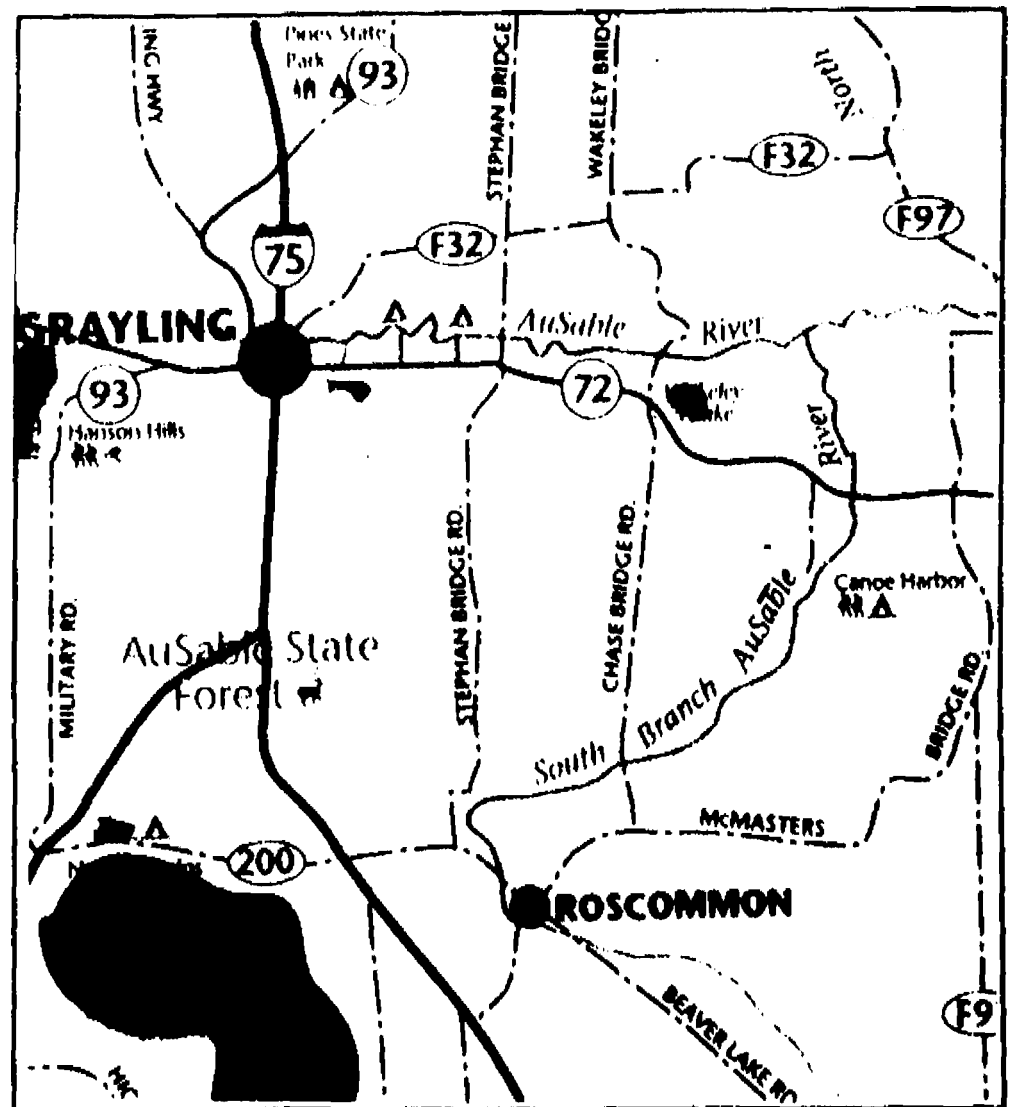
The private golf and residential development is a members only course and will include approximately 800 homes. Most of the members have to

own property. The only members not required to own property is a select group of purchasers of the initial founder membership program.

It anticipated by Forest Dunes officials that most homeowners will use this as a second or vacation home.

The idea of a private, gate guarded golf and residential community is quite new in the area and the state.

"You see it a lot in the Carolinas, Florida, California and Arizona," Barrett said. "I think it will be a real hit here too."



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discuss the situation, and presented a circulated petition containing approximately 3,000 signatures.

The two residents also passed on packets of information on the proposal. It included a letter from Parmelee, which he answered the question of what is needed from the community.

"Parmelee Enterprises Corp. (PEC) wishes that the community, through local government and businesses support a request to obtain a purchase agreement for state-owned land in Crawford County," Parmelee stated in the letter. "We realize that we will have to work very closely with the local governmental bodies and businesses, and we would like to see their support in writing."

"We must grow and we should take seriously anyone who comes before us," Schneider said.

Schneider pointed out to the commissioners and the audience which extended outside of the circuit court room of the economic-growth benefits for the area. The economic growth for Crawford County and the surrounding area would be significant, Schneider said. The whole northern Michigan region would be impacted economically.

Fedak brought up the idea of setting up a task force. Although it officially has not been set up yet, Fedak proposed that the task force consist of an attorney, a banker, a county board member, a Frederic Township board member, Schneider and Fedak. It also was discussed that public meetings for a question-and-answer period would be set up for county residents.

Following the presentation by Fedak and Schneider, a number of other county residents voiced their opinions and possible concerns of the project.

The main concerns of some residents were traffic problems, noise problems and possible environmental issues. These were issues that those involved agreed would need to be answered.

One of the residents who spoke in favor of looking into the project was Rene Mertes, 26, of Frederic.

"What will happen if the National Guard or Weyerhaeuser decides to leave the community?" Mertes said. "What would happen then?"

This community needs something that will employ some people like this race track project, Mertes said.

"There needs to be something in this area for people my age to do," Mertes said.

Art Thayer of Grayling, spoke as one of the people who are not sure whether they are for or against it yet.

"I am not sure, but we should definitely take a strong look," Thayer said. "We should consider this project instead of pushing all of these places north of us to Gaylord."

A number of racing fans and racers also spoke at the meeting. These people

discussed the advantages of having a race track in the area, and the people it would draw.

Long attempted to get the idea of having an environmental-impact statement completed, or received, to outline the effects the track would have on the county. "What will the influx of this many people mean to the average taxpayer of Crawford County?"

The impact statement was not included in the motion, but one may be

conducted in the future, for planning commission requirements.

Bretzke said he does not want to see another cruel hoax happen in this county, so officials and residents should tread carefully.

Bretzke mentioned to "cruel hoaxes" that happened earlier in Crawford County, including the Pontiac Fiberboard Company. Land and money was needed for that project, and this company is not here today.

Grayling police chief announces state representative candidacy

In 1998, because of term limitations, State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) will complete the last two years of a six-year term as representative of the citizens in the 105th District of the Michigan House of Representatives. Voters in the seven counties comprising the 105th district: Alcona, Antrim, Crawford, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Otsego will be selecting a new representative for the 105th district in the 1998 elections.

Peter W. Stephan of Grayling has announced his intention to become a republican candidate for the representative position of the 105th district.

Stephan, a life-long resident of northern Michigan, is a 1955 graduate of Grayling High School and holds an Associates Degree in Police Administration from Kirtland Community College. Stephan has been serving in law enforcement since 1958. He assumed the responsibilities of Grayling City Police Chief in 1972, and has continued in that administration to the present time. During his public career, Stephan has seen many occasions when the need to have a voice in state government that would listen to northern Michigan needs was important.

For these reasons, Stephan said, "I chose to become involved in the Michigan law enforcement associations."

Since joining the Northern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police in 1975, he has served in the capacity of both the vice president and two years as president of that association. He also joined the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police the same year and became active in the state association's legislative and administrative processes. Stephan has served continuously on the MACP legislative committee since 1977 and has served

Tourism, Recreation and Industry (TRI) all play a major part in the lives of northern Michigan, Stephan said. Only through cooperative efforts will this TRI angle become a partnership for continued success.

Although the representative position won't be open until nearly two years, Stephan said there are reasons for his early announcement.

"It is my hope that by announcing my intentions, at this early date, I will convey to all of the residents in the 105th District my sincere desire to perform a valuable and respective service for them," Stephan said. "I have enjoyed a long career in law enforcement. I cannot imagine a more rewarding way to complete this career than serving, with pride, the citizens of the 105th District in the Michigan House of Representatives."

Stephan is married to the former Gloria Milikin.

Stephan also stated, "All too often we have been exposed to local, state and national political matters which have involved controversial and embittered exchanges, often bordering on the ridiculous. At this time I am aware of others who are interested in seeking this position. I can see no value in the attempt to degrade or 'down-play' other candidates."

"I would, instead hope to persuade votes of the 105th legislative District, and other potential candidates, to support my efforts through professional and sincere presentation of my leadership."

for 10 years on the MACP board of directors as the representative from District 11, which includes those counties of the 105th. He is currently serving as the President of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Stephan said, "Working with State and National legislators, I have enjoyed being part of that voice in government which can make a difference in the way we are represented."

Stephan said he believes the knowledge and experience gained during a life-long career will serve well in



Peter Stephan

continuing to represent northern Michigan. He said, "I am approaching the candidacy for the 105th district with the same outlook which I have maintained throughout my law enforcement career, to provide leadership."

"The word 'representative' is self descriptive. I steadfastly believe that members of legislature need to adhere closely to those needs and expressed beliefs of their constituents," Stephan said. "To be a successful legislator, when new legislation is being considered, means listening and presenting expressed beliefs. Northern Michigan may have been, at one time, of lesser influence in the State's overall outlook. As with law enforcement, this is no longer the case."

Meeting set for Promise Keepers

Local Promise Keepers organization has set plans into motion for an organizational meeting.

The meeting for all interested members will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 8:30 a.m. at the Grayling Assembly of God on Old 27 North.

The local group of members have had breakfast meetings in the past concerning Promise Keepers' ideas, but this organizational meeting will formally set up the organization.

According to members, there is a good cross reference of persons in the Crawford County group. There are members from most area churches.

The Promise Keepers national organization was founded in 1990 with the initial goal of filling up Colorado University's Folsom Field with 50,000 men gathered to honor Jesus Christ. They reached that goal in 1993.

The national group was founded by Colorado University's former head football coach Bill McCartney.

The purpose of the Promise Keepers --- locally and nationally --- is to be committed and keep seven promises involving spiritual and emotional items.

Persons interested in the Crawford County Promise Keepers organization can call Neal Michal at (517) 348-6592.

Card of thanks

Thank you to all for the cards, prayers, well wishes, and flowers during my surgery and recovery at Munson Medical Center in December. It was all very much appreciated.

Evelyn Keir

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We would like to thank Dean Goss, Tim Coe, the Grayling Fire Department, and Beth and Dave Hubbard for their help in responding to our chimney fire.

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LOVELLS LIBRARY NEWS

Memorial books placed in the library for Jacqueline Groff are: *Icon* by Frederick Forsyth, *On Christmas Eve* by Margaret Brown, and *The Perfect Present* by Michael Hague from William Groff. *The Third Twin* by Ken Follet, *The Law of Love* by Laura Esquivel, *Weighed in the Balance* by Anne Perry, "m" is for Malice by Sue Grafton, and *My Gal Sunday* by Mary Higgins Clark from Michael and Laurie Groff were more memorial books for Jacqueline Groff.

Memorial books given to the library in memory of Ruth Caid are: *Annie Bannic Moves to Barry Avenue* by Leah Komaiko from Mary Perry; *Little Bear Take Me Home* by Hans de Beer from Merry Meridith; *Falling Up* by Shel Silverstein and *The Trees of the Dancing Goats* by Patricia Polacco from Kate Gregg; *Ducks Disappearing* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and *You and Me Little Bear* by Martin Waddell from Erin Jones.

Memorial books in the library for Larry Duby are: *The Clinic* by Jonathon Kellerman from Don and Rae Ann Schanz; and *Airframe* by Michael Crichton from Benjamin Duby.

Library hours are Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to noon, and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Persons can reach the library at 348-9215.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

The Book Club will be discussing *Beaches* by Pat Conroy on Friday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m.

Other books by Conroy include *The Boo*, *The Water is Wide*, *The Great Santini*, *The Lords of Discipline*, and *The Prince of Tides*. *Beaches* is also available in audio tapes.

Anthony Trollope novels will be the focus for the discussion in March, a Denker novel in April, and *Beardstown Ladies Common Sense Investment Guide* in May.

On loan from the Cadillac-Wexford Public Library is a Claude Monet print of Sanduivken, Norway. Monet painted simplified forms with broad-brush strokes helping to create the impressionist style. The abundant snow and bridge in the print is reminiscent of Grayling.

The Crawford County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The library phone number is 348-9214.

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Snowmobile concerns aired by Frederic residents

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Frederic Township board members and some township residents began discussions on how to balance the snowmobilers' and the private residents' needs in the area.

The township hall was full of residents and area law enforcement officials on Tuesday, Feb. 11, to get items on the table concerning the Frederic area snowmobile situation.

Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert explained prior to the public discussion that the item was brought up due to the increase of the number of snowmobiles in the area and the problems that have and could be encountered.

Ron Stanley, who lives along County Road 612, got things started by mentioning the problem of snowmobiles riding on private

property. Stanley said that on Friday and Saturday nights snowmobiles riding across his back yard is an every night happening.

The idea of shutting 612 down from snowmobilers was brought up. A local Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officer said that the county road commission is the organization that can close or open a particular road to snowmobilers.

At the meeting Richard Philley, president of the local snowmobile association, cautioned against closing the 612 right-of-way to snowmobilers. Philley said closing 612 may cause a bigger problem with snowmobilers on private property.

The local DNR officers mentioned a big problem in the area is the fact that there are only two DNR officers covering the entire county to enforce the laws for snowmobilers. A third

snowmobile law enforcement member is a Crawford County Sheriff's snowmobile officer.

It was brought up that letters need to be written to let state legislators and officials, along with DNR officials, know of the problem in the Crawford County area.

"What we need from the community is backing," DNR officer Mark Lutz said. "We need the support of the local residents that they support the law enforcement."

Sheriff Dave Lovely, who also attended the meeting, agreed that law enforcement of the snowmobilers is the only way to solve the problem.

Using money for extensive signs to mark the trail is fine, but the main thing is law enforcement, Lovely said.

Education of the snowmobilers who want to come to this area was an important issue that was discussed at

length by residents and officials.

The concepts mentioned at the meeting include posting some signs so the operators know where the snowmobile trails area and posting trail maps in the Frederic area businesses.

A task force was proposed by Doug Slater, a Frederic resident. He said he would be willing to head up the task force if no one else objected.

Hulbert said he was hoping that this what would happen. Kalkaska already has a task force on snowmobile issues, so that was the idea for Frederic.

Volunteers for the snowmobile task force are needed, Hulbert told the audience. Volunteers from all backgrounds with open minds can sit down and discuss some of these issues.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

Craig Brownfield and Lisa Blair of St. Helen, announce the arrival of Shelby James Brownfield, born Feb. 5, 1997.

Scott Nicholas and Michelle Parker of Grayling, announce the arrival of Darrin Scott Nicholas, born Feb. 5, 1997.

Alleged B & E teens arraigned

The two non-juvenile teenagers believed to have been involved in a state-wide spree of breaking and entering incidents were arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The third suspect in the case is a juvenile from the Lansing area. Authorities may attempt to eventually try the juvenile as an adult.

Jerrold Root, 17, of Grand Ledge, and Jamie Scheib, 17, of Lansing, were the two who faced arraignment last week. Both wished to have a preliminary examination conducted. The preliminary examination is to be scheduled for a date not less than 30 days from the arraignment.

The investigation which led to the arrests involved breaking and entering charges and malicious destruction of property at residences in a number of counties in Michigan, including Crawford County. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigation began after a spree of breaking and entering incidents in Lovells Township.

According to authorities, more than \$100,000 in stolen property was recovered and well in excess of \$100,000 worth of damage was reported from the incidents.

Assault with intent to murder charge faces Grayling man

A Grayling man was arraigned on Thursday, Feb. 13, after allegedly being involved in the assault of a woman on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Kirk Connell, 31, of Grayling, was arrested by Crawford County Sheriff's deputies and Grayling City Police officers on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The suspect was lodged in the Crawford County Jail.

Connell was charged with assault with intent to murder. A felony pretrial

has been set for Feb. 21 and a preliminary examination is scheduled for Feb. 25. A \$250,000 cash bond was set for the defendant.

The assault incident occurred on Feb. 11 before 9 p.m. At approximately 8:59 p.m. Crawford County Central Dispatch received a 911 call from a woman who had just been assaulted. While officers were enroute, information was received that a male subject was still in the house with

several weapons and their young child.

Upon arrival officers found two young children safe with their mother, who had been severely beaten.

The suspect and residence was put under surveillance until early morning when the suspect attempted to leave the residence with the young child. Connell was apprehended without incident by deputies, along with the young child.

The child was returned to the mother.

Three forensic members earn trophies

Three Grayling High School forensic team members brought home trophies from Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central's Pre Valentine's Day Invitational on Feb. 8.

Sophomore Brie Blaauw took fifth place out of a 19 person field in broadcasting. Freshman Annie Price also won fifth place out of 22 in oratory. Freshman Brandi McClain won eighth place out of 17 in extemporaneous speaking.

More than 300 students from 24 schools took part in this first

invitational of the 1997 forensics season, said GHS Coach Robin Pawley.

Other team members who competed at Saginaw Nouvel include freshman Sara Carmean (prose interpretation), freshman Brandi Lewis (poetry interpretation), junior Ben Mallory (poetry interpretation), sophomore Crystal Pilon (dramatic interpretation) and sophomore Anthony Renon (broadcasting).

Pawley and parents Marti Gosling and Gayle McClain served as judges

at the meet.

The GHS forensics team travels to Alma College on Feb. 25 for its next invitational.

On March 15, the Grayling team will sponsor the third annual Viking Invitational Tournament.

Anyone who would like more information about the team or would like to serve as a judge can contact Pawley at the high school (348-7641, ext. 116).

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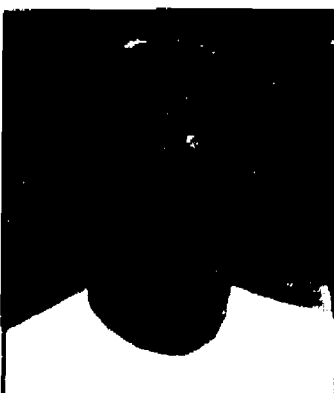
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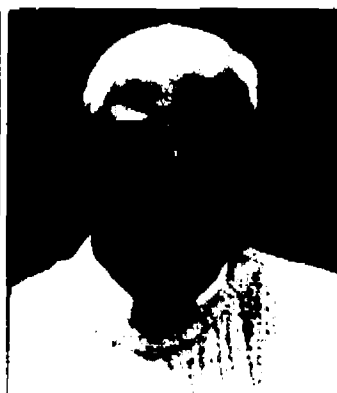
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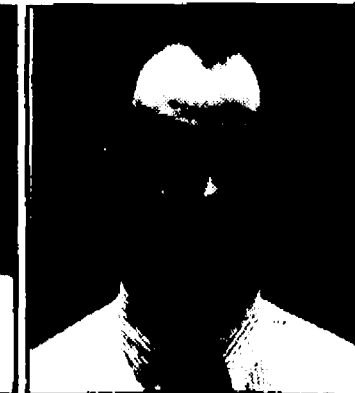
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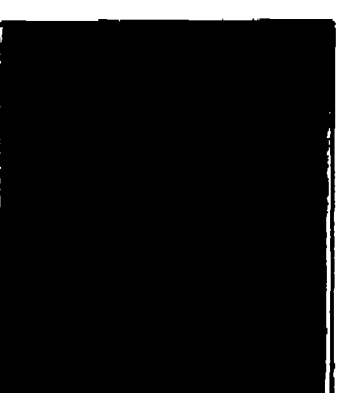
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Richard Milliman

Road money; Tax hike? Federal grants?

ALL THOSE potholes in Michigan highways and streets are producing more than blown tires, sprung frames and angry drivers.

They're also causing ideas to sprout about how to ease the problem.

Gov. John Engler's programs are not much help. In his State of the State messages, he talked mainly about shifting some state dollars to road repair from other programs, plus putting on the muscle for more federal dollars.

State Sen. Walter North of St. Ignace has some other thoughts.

The Republican lawmaker wants a statewide referendum to ask voters to pay eight cents more a gallon gas tax to fix roads.

Mr. North is putting together a proposal calling for a six-cent tax hike in 1999, and another two-cent hike in 2000. That would be on top of the present 15-cent state gas tax.

SEN. NORTH seems to think the legislature would balk at backing a gas tax hike directly. Gov. Engler opposes it, too.

"It is obvious that with term limits and the current political climate, the issue of raising the state gas tax will not be addressed this session," Sen.

North said.

However, a referendum requires a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate to put it on the ballot. Sen. North is aiming toward the 1998 election.

Some highway-oriented private groups have indicated they might launch a petition drive for a public vote on a gas tax increase.

In the legislature, the pitch most likely will be that lawmakers need not really be voting for a gas tax increase, but only for the right of the people to decide.

I some ways, more simply stated, that's called passing the buck.

But it might work — if enough public pressure builds for action of some kind that's grand enough to make a significant dent in Michigan's deteriorating streets and highways.

DIFFERENT ANGLE — Then there's the federal approach.

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg of Oakland County — who has been rumored as a possible Republican candidate for governor, if and when Mr. Engler decides to vacate the office — has become active in road repair.

Mr. Knollenberg wants more federal

money, and points to a possible way to get it.

He is planning federal legislation that would send about \$4 billion in federal road gas taxes back to states. Michigan's share is estimated at about \$200 million.

As expected, Gov. Engler is all for the Knollenberg approach.

Mr. Knollenberg proposes that 4.3-cents in gas tax that was set aside in 1993 for deficit reduction be returned to the states in block grants.

Another 14-cents in federal gas tax goes into a federal highway fund for road and mass transit improvements.

THE KNOLLENBERG plan, at surface glance, seems like a winner all around.

All you do is take \$4 billion in federal gas tax that is not going to roads and hand it over to help solve state problems.

"Let's get it back to Michigan," Mr. Knollenberg said. "That's what a block grant does ... it brings every dime back."

Of course, it's not that simple.

If you take away \$4 billion from one place, and put it in another place, it creates a hole in the first place.

In this case, the Knollenberg program takes \$4 billion away from deficit reduction, actually creating added spending of tax dollars.

In a nutshell, the federal government spends more money, and the deficit and national debt get bigger.

How would the \$4 billion be replaced? It would have to come from deeper cuts somewhere else, or by higher taxes.

In theory, there may well be some merit in what Mr. Knollenberg suggests, which would apply user taxes to benefit directly those who pay the specific taxes.

But with emphasis on budget balancing coming from both Republicans and Democrats in Washington, diverting any taxes from deficit reduction doesn't seem likely.

The idea probably won't get very far — unless a head of steam develops back home at the grass roots, urging Washington to spend more money on highways and put deficit reduction on the back burner.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions asked of commissioners

To the editor,

Over 2,000 summer jobs, over 300 permanent jobs — 100,000 seat drag strip, paved track, dirt track, summer and winter racing.

Is it true the county commissioners declined a proposal for the above Super Speedway?

Could Dennis Long please submit a list of the 50 names of the people who called with a negative response regarding this issue. To our knowledge the community wasn't aware of this proposal.

Could we get a definition from Bruce Bretzke of an "informal poll," of those whom were not interested and how

many did you poll?

Can Crawford County afford not to give this some serious consideration? Can the commissioners make this kind of decision for the future youth employment of Crawford County?

Come on Commissioners: "If you build it we will come, we will grow, we will thrive!"

Mr. Parmelee don't give up on this community yet.

Margaret Knapp Grayling

Editor's Note: There were 16 other signatures from people in support of this letter.

Community could use race track jobs

To the citizens of Crawford County,

I grew up in this quaint little town, left for many years, and returned about five years ago to discover that there had been no real economic growth in Grayling.

Grayling was a "quaint little town", but the facade is cracking.

Now, the main forms of employment are fast food restaurants. This means that you must travel to Gaylord for a decent wage. For the sake of our children, we need to quit being the "Chamber of Commerce" for Gaylord. We have sent too many businesses to Gaylord in the past years, for instance: US Plywood, Standard Products, and more recently the container company who wanted to locate here.

I don't know about you, but I want more for my community than "Fast Food lanes" and a multi-million dollar jail for prisoners to sit in who have resorted to drugs, alcohol or crime out of boredom or despair. Maybe if we found more for them to do and look forward to, we would not need the multi-million dollar jail.

Recently, our county commissioners

have, without careful consideration or even a public hearing, turned down a speedway project that would bring approximately 300 full-time jobs and 2,000 part-time jobs to this area.

We elect people to represent us, but in this case, we were not represented or given any say. We were treated like children.

We are not children. We are a community of adults that is mainly supported by the tourist industry. This is a golden opportunity to increase the earning potential for tourist-oriented businesses, as well as increase employment availability in this area for ourselves and our children.

Let us not turn this opportunity down without even a second or third look. We the people need to stand up and demand a public hearing for more information and for a more complete cross-section of how our community truly feels.

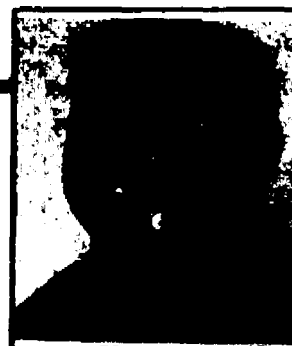
If we do not want to become a "Ghetto of the North", we must become an active growing community.

Vivian Stanton Grayling

POINT OF VIEW

by Bruce Bretzke, Chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners

The business of government is getting done — in a positive way



Bruce Bretzke

When I was first contacted by the *Avalanche* to write this column, I thought it would be the perfect way to pass my opinions concerning local issues on to the people of the county. Recent events, however, have made it perfectly clear to me that nobody really cares about my opinion. Everyone has their own opinion and I've heard most of them in the past few days.

Instead, I decided to write about some of my positive perceptions (not opinions) of what is happening in local government.

One of our past presidents, I don't remember which one, said, "The business of government is business." Today in Crawford County the business of government is getting done better than it has in several years. There is no gridlock, there is no indecision. There is no line drawn in the sand between warring factions on the commission board. Although we don't always agree, the business decisions of running county government are being made in a timely manner.

I am especially proud of the way in which the county is being represented to other local governments and government agencies in our longplight to wrestle state and federal land back into local ownership.

An example of our efforts is the recent cooperation between the county, Grayling Township, the DNR, and State Representative Allen Lowe in

requesting the state to turn over the deeds of White Pine Campground and Canoe Campground to the county. The state shut down both campgrounds in 1992, but through a cooperative effort between the county and the local canoe liveries, whose customers depend on those campgrounds, both have remained open. Now, with a four-year track record of operation, it is time we received ownership. We hope to have a final decision soon.

Another positive is the noticeable difference in the attitudes of cooperation and accountability apparent in most county employees. They know they must be responsible public servants and have eagerly followed the lead set by their employers. They have responded beyond all expectations.

I am especially pleased by the rededication to service displayed by the commissioners who were there during the turbulent years when they struggled over board-splitting landfill issues. Today we face equally difficult issues, but those commissioners, who could have very easily burned out and quit, appear at the courthouse rejuvenated in energy and spirit day after day. They continue to play an integral role in facing new challenges and I am grateful for their years of experience.

Last week, four commissioners, myself included, attended the Michigan Association of Counties

Convention in Lansing. While there I believe we did a bang-up job of lobbying big-time politicians to never forget that we and other rural, northern Michigan counties exist and have needs that should be addressed.

We talked to U.S. Representative Bart Stupak, Governor John Engler, DNR Director Kool, State Senator George McManus and State Representative Allen Lowe. We made it clear to them that our roads need repair and maintenance. We told them to revise the Swamp Tax program that allows the state to pay a fraction of the taxes to local government that private citizens pay to own land. We told them we can't continue to spend our tax dollars on services that benefit non-residents when we can't afford to provide those same services (like effective police protection) to our local residents.

We also reminded them that Crawford County is at the crossroads of Michigan's fastest growing area, but no amount of planning will allow us to be prepared for the future without land. They have it, we want it, and they work for us. I think they got the message.

I am a firm believer that good government spawns citizen participation. Recently a number of citizens in Lovells Township organized for the betterment of that community, and they did it all within established rules and regulations. They will succeed

because they are focused and determined to do it right. There is no more positive result of citizen participation in democratic government than success by a few, for the undisputed good of all.

In South Branch Township, a huge corporate development project is underway to build two golf courses, a private lake and several large upscale housing areas. The company has a proven track record, is working closely with township government, and is non-controversial. They are also doing it right and they will bring much-needed tax dollars into that community.

Grayling Township and Grayling City officials are cooperating on a master plan that will give them a 20-year vision they can use to guide them in future land-use issues such as housing, recreation and industrialization. Their foresight is right on target.

All too often we hear only negative comments made in anger and frustration about our governments and elected governors, but I'm here to tell you all is not so bad. There are many positives happening in Crawford County government, at every level. There is nothing to be angry about.

I am reminded of Aristotle when he said, "Anybody can become angry — that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way — that is not easy!"

Youth smoking problem needs to be dealt with

To the editor,

The Business Section of the Feb. 13 Free Press devoted approximately 50 column-inches to the ban on teen-age tobacco. I see it in the newspapers, hear it on radio and TV, and this spate of publicity is particularly interesting to me, appearing very soon after a spectacularly unproductive call I made to city hall, that, after equally unproductive calls to other sources I thought might share my concern.

My reaction is to wonder if we are wasting our efforts on the wrong age level, and the wrong suspects.

I am mortally certain that no respectable retailer in our community is selling cigarettes to 10-year-olds, but someone is supplying them. The school has no authority, "the city cannot tie up resources," and no one else seems to pay any attention to the fact that at 3:15 on every school day the streets leading from the middle school are full of middle school pupils lighting up cigarettes, in plain view of the public. I can't cite personal

knowledge, but I have been told that the same is true of streets leading from the elementary school.

Since I can't find anyone with the authority or resources to even look into the situation, I'm asking the community some questions:

Where are our resources being tied up, that is more important to us than our children?

Is there something wrong with the law that makes it illegal to sell tobacco products to teenagers, but doesn't make it illegal for little, pre-teen children to possess and/or use such products?

If it isn't illegal, it is certainly unacceptable, so why isn't anyone paying attention?

Where are they getting the cigarettes?

Where are the parents of these children, and do they know what's going on, and don't they care?

Please, can anyone give me some answers?

Katherine E. Funck Grayling

Prosecutor deserves support for the job he does

To the editor,

What is wrong with this picture? The county commissioners had decided that our prosecuting attorney, John Huss, should work full time, up half from what he had been working, and for this, they were only going to pay him a mere fifth of his current salary and ask that he give up his private practice? I have witnessed Mr. Huss in action, having been called for jury duty in the past, and he is very good at what he does. He also happens to be a very caring personal lawyer.

Also, if the county does not have the money to pay him more, why, then, did they have enough to give each of themselves (the commissioners) a \$3,000 raise this past year? I think we need to re-evaluate where our monies

are being spent. I would much rather see Mr. Huss stay on part-time and keep his private practice, if they cannot or will not pay him what he merits. I don't know where they would find as fine an attorney to work for what they are offering him full-time. I do not believe there are a lot of practiced attorneys who would be willing to give up their profitable jobs in the big cities, to come to Grayling and work for so little.

Am I missing something from this representation? I would like to express my support for Mr. Huss and my disappointment in our county commissioners.

Susan Anderson Grayling

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The Crawford AuSable School District State of the School Address

by Kent S. Reynolds
Superintendent

The state of the Crawford AuSable School District is better than ever!

We have quality facilities with adequate elementary and middle school space. The technology infrastructure is in place for developments of the next century.

We are successfully completing our current five-year plan and completing development of a new five-year plan to guide us into the year 2000.

We have met quality standards as witnessed by the achievement of North Central Accreditation standards at all five district buildings.

Our budget is stable. Through sound strategic planning, we have taken advantage of Proposal A funding and ensured funding for technology, instructional materials, maintenance, fine arts and basic instruction. We have established collaborative relationships with critical community organizations and agencies.

We are proud of our accomplishments of the past five years. We must work to ensure continued improvement on state achievement tests.

We must resolve the high school infrastructure problems to protect the building, improve the instructional environment, create facilities for the curriculum of the next century and build additional classrooms to house the increased enrollment of the next five years.

We must continue to collaborate with community agencies and organizations to ensure a safe environment for our students. Tonight, I will focus on our success of the last five years and outline actions we must take during the next five years to solidify quality programs and facilities for the next century.

FACILITIES

We celebrate the opening of the AuSable Primary School. For 20 years students from the Grayling attendance area have been bussed to the Frederic Elementary School. We have housed fifth grade students at the middle school for nine years.

We now have elementary classrooms to house students in their home school. The AuSable Primary, designed for early childhood curriculum, is beautiful, functional and energy efficient.

It is important to thank the parents, community members, staff, administrators and members of the board who contributed to making the facility a reality through campaign efforts and through participation in development of the building design.

The Grayling Elementary now houses third through fifth grade students allowing the staff to focus on the needs of students in these critical years of transition.

We have improved ventilation, the building is more energy efficient and much needed office space has been added. There is adequate parking and a safer flow of traffic at the Grayling Elementary/AuSable Primary site.

The Frederic Elementary now houses kindergarten through fifth grade students from the Frederic, Maple Forest and Lovells areas.

We have improved energy efficiency, office and staff work space has been added and the media center is more functional.

The middle school, with enough classroom space for grades six through eight, can now implement teaming for all three grades. As we no longer transfer students between buildings, we can insure continuity of instruction resulting in higher levels of achievement.

The work of the last two years leaves the high school as the only district building with critical infrastructure needs. While the building is still called the "new high school" it is now 24 years old. While visitors to the building compliment us on the condition of the building, we have critical needs which we must address.

The heating, ventilating and air conditioning is obsolete and we must replace the entire system. Not only is it expensive to operate and maintain, but it is noisy and inconsistent.

Some areas are too hot and some are too cold. The heating and ventilating system compromise the instructional atmosphere. The roof is beyond warranty and is failing. We must replace the roof, but with more than 100 heating and ventilating penetrations, it is more cost efficient to do so when we replace the heating and ventilating

system.

We must construct additional classroom space to fit the growing student population. We are now near the building's maximum population and we expect 100 additional students in the next five years.

We must renovate existing classrooms which were designed for the curriculum of the 1960s. Science, business technology, art, shop, foreign language and publications classrooms are no longer adequate.

The media center does not encourage research or learning and we must renovate that space to provide a technologically rich environment. The media center should be the building's center of instruction.

We must replace the cafeteria and kitchen if we are to serve a nutritious and attractive lunch for high school students. The cafeteria should be a self-contained facility that is accessible from the outside and that we can use for other functions.

Current office space is inadequate for the number of employees. We constructed the gymnasium as a physical education facility, not a spectator facility.

We need an additional mezzanine with increased seating and girls varsity locker room and wrestling room facilities underneath.

We need an additional gymnasium floor to accommodate practice time and competition demands on the present single floor. We need a lobby for ease of entry to the facility and for the comfort of spectators.

Tonight, the board will discuss detailed priorities, cost estimates and time lines for resolving these problems. We have a responsibility to the community and especially the students to set a course of action to protect the building. We must provide a facility for the curriculum of the 21st century.

TECHNOLOGY

We celebrate our readiness for developments in technology which will shape the next century. Our technology improvements will be operational within the next two months.

All buildings are connected in a wide area network. We can transmit voice, video and data between buildings and classrooms. The network operating system is easy for students to use.

The new IBM elementary reading, writing, mathematics and science software is an instructional supplement that draws student interest.

Using a train the trainer model, classroom teachers are training their colleagues to use the software in classroom instruction. The network is connected directly to the Internet allowing students to use this valuable research tool.

Electronic resources are as important to instruction as print resources. The construction project provided the funds for the network and electronic connections and distribution systems.

The board earmarked a fund in the annual district budget for computers, printers, software and system maintenance. This fund will ensure computers in every classroom and computer labs in every building. With trained technology personnel at each building level, we can maintain our network. With an annual technology budget, we will remain current with technology and technology equipment.

We must continue to protect the annual district technology budget if we are to give students the opportunity to develop skills necessary for work and life in the next century.

We must continue to fund training for our technology personnel. We must increase the time we assign them to manage our network and service work stations and software.

They are the keys to protection of our investment and to the minimization of system downtime. Downtime robs students of a valuable instructional resource.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND NORTH CENTRAL ACCREDITATION

We celebrate the growth directed by the five-year plan adopted in June 1992. With state funding provided by Proposal A, the plan guided us to a stable budget, technology for the next century, curriculum in compliance with state guidelines, fine arts program growth, facility improvement and improvement in communication with the community and parents and internally with staff.

We began development of a new

five-year plan in March 1996 and are working to have it ready for adoption this June. The plan is critical as it will guide us into the next century.

Administration and staff deserve credit for their work this fall toward achievement of North Central Association outcomes accreditation.

NCA accreditation requires adherence to the highest educational standards. It is the most widely recognized measure of educational quality throughout the 19 state NCA regions.

Grayling High School and all three elementary schools have earned NCA accreditation. Grayling Middle School is attempting to meet NCA standards within the teaming model. The NCA is providing direction to help schools with teaming meet its standards.

Outcomes accreditation is consistent with the state required school improvement process. To receive an outcomes accreditation endorsement, a school must complete a student profile compiling research descriptive of the student population and subgroups of students.

An NCA resource team visited the district in December to examine the student profile and target goals in each building. The resource team recommended outcomes accreditation candidacy status for all five schools.

This is a significant achievement for the staff and administration. They deserve our appreciation for the time and commitment achievement of candidacy status requires.

We are proud of their accomplishment. The staff in each building is now collecting base line data for each goal and identifying strategies that will lead to the achievement of each goal.

The final step will be to implement the strategies in the fall of 1997 and measure achievement of the goals by comparing final data to the base line data. The NCA resource team will return periodically to examine the progress.

The district improvement team is coordinating activities to address three target goal areas which are common to all buildings. Among the 18 target goals identified within the five buildings, 14 fall into three common areas: reading improvement, the use of technology in instruction and the development of student social skills and improvement in student behavior.

Steering committees in each of the three goal areas will coordinate the development of strategies. The district improvement team will identify strategic planning goal areas not addressed through the NCA process and will organize the effort to develop strategies to address those goals. We will complete the new five-year strategic plan for adoption this June.

Four components of the new strategic plan merit high priority status. First, high school student attendance has been dropping for the past three years. We must develop strategies to raise daily attendance to 95 percent and we must do it immediately.

If students are not in school, they cannot benefit from our instructional programs. A plan will be developed for presentation to the board of education before the end of this school year.

Second, substance abuse remains a problem in the community. We must develop programs to arm students with the skills they need to make responsible choices for healthy lives. With funds from a drug free schools grant, the high school and middle school staff will develop plans this spring for programs aimed at elimination of substance abuse among our students.

Third, our vocational education programs are based on employment available in the 1970s. We will place a high priority on development of tech prep based programs to prepare students for employment in the 21st century.

Fourth, we know that some students do not benefit from traditional school programs. We offer special education, gifted and talented programs and high school alternative education but there is a group of students who do not find success. We must develop programs at all building levels to address the needs of students who do not learn in traditional ways.

Alternative education has been considered a high school program for drop outs and potential drop outs. We must start programs for elementary and middle school students and for younger high school students. These programs should be designed not as a last chance or as punitive, but to ad-

dress the way these students learn best. We will develop proposals for programs for this high needs population within the next year.

We must continue to follow our adopted strategic plan and continue to maintain NCA accreditation. NCA accreditation is a stamp that advertises to our community and to those considering moving to our community that we support quality education.

TESTING and CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

We celebrate the improvement our fourth grade students made on the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) this fall. We anticipate much greater improvement during the next few years now that we no longer transfer elementary students from their home school.

Our high school juniors scored better than anticipated on the high school proficiency test the first time we gave it last spring. We expect that they scored even better in the second year of the test completed last week.

Our seventh grade students have consistently scored well on the MEAP. The tests are good measures of student achievement of suggested state standards.

Editor's Note: This is the first installment of the two parts of Kent Reynolds's State of the School address. Look to next week's *Avalanche* for the second installment.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Walk away from rheumatoid arthritis

Rheumatoid arthritis is one of the more common painful, sometimes disabling medical problems among aging individuals. It is a serious disorder in which joints stiffen and there is a feeling of general illness. Without treatment, the disease can progress to destroy cartilage and bone, and damage other soft tissue. The inflammation often causes toes to jut out of alignment, resulting in a host of foot and gait problems. Fortunately, the future doesn't have to be bleak for rheumatoid arthritis patients, especially if professional help is sought early. One of the most important parts of many treatment programs includes walking, as keeping the feet functioning is critical to controlling the disease. Podiatric foot care is often necessary to make sure the foot is properly aligned and to correct any imbalance that may have developed.

As foot specialists at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., whenever our patients are dealing with rheumatoid arthritis or other medically related problems, we are happy to work with all their health care providers to ensure maximum treatment and comfort. We don't treat the entire body, but our experience shows that foot problems can affect the entire body. We do treat all kinds of foot diseases, conditions, disorders, injuries, and bone deformities at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. For an appointment, please call 922-9100 or 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Rheumatoid arthritis affects about one in five people who have arthritis, affecting women more often than men.



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FRI. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BBB vs. Whittemore-Prescott, home, 6 pm. •VB league championship, away.
SAT. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR @ AP cafeteria, 10 am - 12 noon. •HS DISTRICT BAND FESTIVAL @ Traverse City Central Grade School •WRESTLING Individual regionals. •WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
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MON. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SURVIVORS OF INCEST & Sexual Abuse meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information. •SKIING STATE MEET •KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
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WED. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GENERAL PARENTING EDUCATION and support group at New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm. Please call 348-2544. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. •CARD PARTY @ St. John Lutheran Church, hosted by the ladies of the church, 12 noon.



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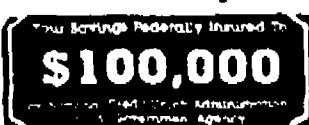
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I'm sure you have heard parents piously say, "We don't want to influence our children's religion. We want them free to make up their own minds. Parents are rejecting their God-given responsibility for spiritual instruction of the children. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: {7} And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

Spiritual instruction is required of children under their parents. (Proverbs 1:8-9) "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: {9} For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck." (Proverbs 4:1-2) "Hear, ye children, the instruction

of a father, and attend to know understanding. {2} For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law."

Spiritual instruction is rewarded. (Proverbs 6:20-23) "My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: {21} Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. {22} When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. {23} For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:" (Psalms 119:130) "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."

Rejecting God's word is dangerous. (Hosea 4:6) "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest

to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Jeremiah 8:9) "The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?"

Ephesians 6:4 "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." That they may have the wisdom of salvation, (2 Timothy 3:15), and the moral training for life. (Proverbs 22:6) "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Pastor "B"

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Jobless rates hold steady in most areas

There was very little change in unemployment rates from November to December in most of Michigan's major labor market areas, according to data compiled by the Michigan Employment Security Agency (MESA).

"Nine out of Michigan's 10 major labor markets had either no change or only minor changes in their unemployment rates last month," Thomas Malek, acting MESA director, reported.

"The most significant change occurred with the Upper Peninsula unemployment rate, which increased by half a percentage point in December to 7.9 percent."

Among the state's major labor markets, jobless rates remained unchanged from November to December in four areas — Ann Arbor,

Detroit, Jackson and Lansing-East Lansing. Four areas reported rate declines — Benton Harbor, Flint, Grand Rapids/Muskegon/Holland and Kalamazoo/Battle Creek.

December unemployment rates climbed in the U.P. and Saginaw/Bay/Midland.

"All 10 labor markets had lower employment and work force levels in December," Malek said. "But in most cases unemployment levels either fell or held steady."

Employment declined in nearly every major market because of seasonal job losses in construction and in local government. Malek attributed the government declines to reduced employment among local school districts and to cutbacks among temporary workers hired to oversee the November elections.

Several areas had higher retail employment during the month because of the holiday shopping period. In fact, the retail sector had the strongest growth among the state's major industrial sectors. Manufacturing employment, on the other hand, remained stable in most areas.

Work force levels slipped as those

who entered the job market looking for holiday employment began dropping out if they were unsuccessful in finding work.

Over the year, eight of the 10 major markets recorded reductions in their jobless rates from December 1995 to December 1996. The only exceptions were Ann Arbor and Benton Harbor, where the rates held steady.

Among the state's 83 counties, Mackinac County had the highest unemployment rate at 20.3 percent, while Washtenaw County had the lowest rate at 2.1 percent. Crawford County had a rate of 8.0 percent.

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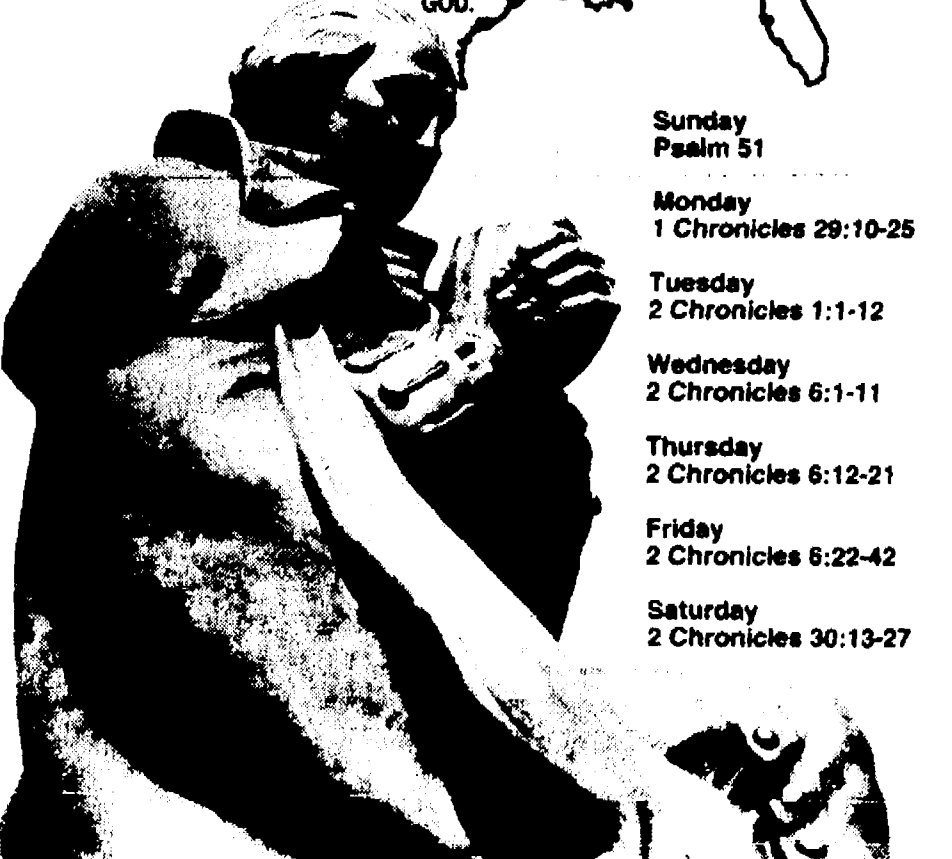
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Valley Forge

Forever inscribed on the tablets of our history is a winter almost two centuries ago. Turned back by the British at Germantown, General Washington camped his ragged army among the rolling hills and woods northwest of Philadelphia. The place was called Valley Forge.

Today, it is a rhapsody of green oaks and chestnuts almost dominating the historic shrine. The forts and redoubts of old are mounds and ridges blanketed with lush grass as they defend forest-crowned hills. Rightly, there's a statue of "the Father of his Country" at Valley Forge. And rightly, he's praying!

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Sunday
Psalm 51

Monday
1 Chronicles 29:10-25

Tuesday
2 Chronicles 1:1-12

Wednesday
2 Chronicles 6:1-11

Thursday
2 Chronicles 6:12-21

Friday
2 Chronicles 6:22-42

Saturday
2 Chronicles 30:13-27

First Baptist Church Of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues. 7 p.m.

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
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Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

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Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
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Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Family Bible Study/Share 9:30 a.m.
Daily Masses 9:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday
Daily Worship
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Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patty Petrie, 348-8314
Holiday Inn, Grayling
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
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M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

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Old US 27 at Skyline Rd
275-8611
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

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M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message
Pastor Duane E. Weaver
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
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Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Weekday School 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Men's Promise
Keepers Study 7 p.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal
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M-72 West Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.
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Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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WEDDING PLANNED Amy Lynn Valdick of Elkhart, IN, and George Charles Libby III of Grand Rapids, are planning a May 17, 1997 wedding at St. John of the Cross Episcopal Church in Bristol, IN. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Valdick of Elkhart, IN, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Charles Libby III of Ferndale. The bride-elect anticipates May graduation from Bethel College with a degree in nursing. Her fiancé anticipates June graduation from Grand Valley State University with a degree in accounting. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Halstead, Mrs. Irma Valdick and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bunker Sr. all of Grayling. The couple plans to reside in Grand Rapids.

Applications available for SIP grants

Grant applications are now being accepted for the Strategic Initiative for the Poor (SIP) Fund. The established fund is put together by Mercy Services North.

The SIP Fund was established to meet the needs of the economically disadvantaged in northern Michigan. Grants are available to organizations who provide services to families and individuals in the communities served by Mercy. Programs targeted to women and children are of particular interest to the grant committee.

Already this year, SIP grants totaling \$30,040 were awarded to organizations meeting the needs of families and individuals in the communities served by Mercy. Those awarded funds in the Grayling/Mercury area include the Crawford Area Literacy Network, Diabetic Education, Healing Touch for Low Income Women, and Christian Community Family Outreach.

Another round of SIP funds will be awarded in April 1997. Organizations interested in obtaining a grant application can call 517-348-0368.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cinciala of Grayling and Mr. David Demara of Almont announce the engagement of their children, Scott D. Cinciala and Denise M. English. A July wedding is being planned. The couple will continue to reside in Grayling.

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Land rehabilitation projects conducted at Camp Grayling

As part of the Camp Grayling restoration project, environmental officials at the local National Guard camp attempt to complete one or two land rehabilitation projects each year. Most of the projects fall under the land rehabilitation and maintenance for each year. Usually environmental officials look to rehab areas of military damage, like trek vehicle damage.

According to Larry Jacobs, Camp Grayling natural resources specialist, military damage will be the focus of this year's land rehabilitation projects. This was not the case for 1996. The major projects last year were not necessarily areas caused by military damage.

Two major rehab projects that were started in 1994 were completed in 1996. Bald Knob and the Dollar Lake sand hill, both located on Camp Grayling property, were restored with a grant from the Department of Defense Legacy Program.

The Legacy Program focuses on funding for natural resource restoration projects. Both areas were topsoiled, revegetated with native grasses and trees, and restricted from use by motorized vehicles.

"We try to keep each area as natural as possible," Jacobs said. "We try to

use native vegetation too."

Jacobs stated in his annual report that these projects have not only reduced erosion, but also have improved the two highly visible sites.

In addition to Camp Grayling's two major projects, officials also assisted the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development and the Department of Natural Resources with a project.

Camp environmental officials worked on the design and implementation of a DNR off-road vehicle grant to restore hillsides around Frog Lakes. These small lakes in Crawford County were being impacted by sediment from six steep sand trails near the lakeshore.

Revegetation and closing the trails to vehicles was part of the project to rehabilitate the location.

According to Jacobs' report, another Huron Pines RC&D administered project will be worked on by Camp officials. Funding was secured for a timber bridge to replace a deteriorating culvert crossing on the East Branch of the AuSable River.

The design of the bridge will have to be unique, since the bridge will have to support tanks and tank retrievers, Jacobs stated in his report. The bridge project may be completed in 1997.

Two Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education positions to be voted on

Two four year terms on the Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education will be voted on Monday, June 9.

The terms of board president Lewis Madill and trustee Rodney Lobsinger will expire at the end of this school year.

The last date for filing nominating petitions for the school board is Monday, April 7 at 4 p.m. in the district's central office building.

The last day to register for the election is Monday, May 12.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: The way to end an argument is to keep your mouth shut, because most of us know how to say nothing; few of us know when.

Last Tuesday was a very busy day for a lot of seniors. They attended the breakfast at Shawono then came back to the center and had a good time at the Valentine's Day party and dance. Then the members of the kitchen band gave their annual performance at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Francis Episcopal Church. Great fun at all three places and the pleasure of bringing a little joy to the hearts of those you come into contact with can't be measured.

Happenings at the center: Remember, "Pantry Bingo" every Friday at 1 p.m. COA Board meeting at 5:30 on Feb. 19. Legal help at 1:30 Feb. 21, and also on that day the Share Program has their pick-up day at the Latter Day Saints Church at 1:30. Those with questions can call the center at 348-7123.

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21—Home Pride Steak/no dinner
24—Pork Stew/Meatloaf
25—Roast Beef/Breaded Chicken
26—Italian Round Steak/Stuffed Peppers
27—Turkey and Dressing/Sweet and Sour Pork
28—Beef Stew/no dinner

Head Start program gets needed funding

An agency which administers Head Start programs in 21 northern Michigan counties has received a continuation grant of more than \$9 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) announced the grant for the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency Inc. The Alpena-based agency serves 2,321 children, ages three- to five-years old.

Head Start is a cultural and educational program to get children prepared for kindergarten. Families

receiving assistance from Head Start are at or below the poverty line.

"During last year's debates over education funding, I fought for funding for Head Start as an important tool to get children ready for school," Stupak said.

"This year the president has moved education to the front burner, both in his State of the Union address and in his proposed budget. This is one of the most important topics we can address for the families of northern Michigan, and I hope it will receive bipartisan attention in Congress."

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Melinda Lee Borowiak of Gaylord, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$359 and placed on 180 days probation.

Mark Charles Robinson of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Op Under Influence of Liquor, and was fined \$660 and placed on 180 days probation.

Ronald Scott Arthur, of Hazel Park, pled guilty to the charge of DUI/Per Se - Second Offense, and was fined \$760 and placed on 365 days probation.

Steven Michael Gildner of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired - 2nd Offense, and was fined \$359 and sentenced to 30 days in jail and placed on 1 day probation.

Steven Michael Gildner of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$159, sentenced to jail for 30 days, and placed on 365 days probation.

Kenneth Wade MacKinnon of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$159 and placed on 90 days probation.

Lonnie G. Read of Farmington Hills, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 and placed on 180 days probation.

David William Selley of Lake City, pled guilty to the charges of (1) Cont. Sub. Poss. of Marijuana and (2) Impaired Driving, and was fined \$1,030 and placed on 180 days probation.

Michelle Marie Bossert of Rose City, pled guilty to the charge of Rented Prop - Fail to Ret., and was fined \$210.

Steven Kenneth Alimenti of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Op Under Influence of Liquor, and was fined \$660 and placed on 180 days probation.

Albert Thomas Harnish of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of (1) Op Under Influence of Liquor and (2) License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$660, sentenced to 60 days in jail, and placed on 365 days probation.

Terra Dawn Stephan of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Larceny - \$100 or Less, and was fined \$210.

Julie Ann Ryther of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Op Under Influence of Liquor, and was fined \$660 and placed on 365 days probation.

Jonathon Sopseak of Roscommon, pled guilty to the charge of Firearms - Poss/Veh-Non Game Area, and was fined \$210.

Robert Thomas Mitchell of Southfield, pled guilty to the charges of (1) Op Under Influence of Liquor, and (2) Acc/Failure To Stop After Coll., and was fined \$660 and placed on 180 days probation.

Donald Elmer Forbes of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of (1) Failed To Stop At Pd Accident, (2) Entered In Traffic Module, (3) Oper W/Out Security, and was fined \$620.

Thomas Jared Hindman of Plymouth, pled guilty to the charge of Cont Subt - Use Of Marijuana, and was fined \$410.

Michael Andrew Roberts of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Non Sufficient Funds U/\$50, and was fined \$210.

Anthony Mark Debiase of Livonia, pled guilty to the charge of Consume/Possess Alcohol, and was fined \$110.

Daniel Eugene Bishaw of Ellsworth, pled guilty to the charge of License Suspended/Revoked, and was fined \$260.

Timothy Allen Reams of Lake, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and received no fine.

Jaymes Calvin Conklin of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of (1) Operate Snowmobile - Proh Area and (2) S-No Valid License In Possess, and was fined \$125.

Frederick Jay Mellen of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Grayling City Ord #4, and was sentenced to 45 days in jail.

Thomas Wayne Dawson of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Assault/Battery, and was fined \$340 and placed on 730 days probation.

Jeffrey Alan Brady of Ionia, pled guilty to the charge of Assault/Battery and was sentenced to 52 days in jail.

Dale Arthur Reed II of Higgins Lake, pled guilty to the charge of Op Under Influence of Liquor, and was fined \$640 and placed on 365 days probation.

Michael Lynn Haley of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Cont. Sub Poss Of Marijuana, and was fined

\$150, sentenced to 180 days in jail, and placed on 180 days probation.

Avery Robert Parker of Roscommon, pled guilty to the charge of Assault/Battery, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and placed on 365 days probation.

Randy Lynn Covey of Stanwood, pled guilty to the charge of Entered In Traffic Module, and received no fine.

Jay Harrison Zavitz of Prudenville, pled guilty to the charge of Larceny - \$100 or Less, and was fined \$210.

Mark Anthony Peever of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of (1) License Suspended/Revoked and (2) Fail To Stop Scene Pd Acc, and was fined \$570.

Lawrence Paul Hauxwell of Oxford, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560 and placed on 180 days probation.

Dana Mark Sutton of Frederic, pled guilty to the charge of Op Under Influence of Liquor, and was fined \$660 and placed on 365 days probation.

Elmore Henry Grafton of Grand Haven, pled guilty to the charge of Non Sufficient Funds U/\$50, and was fined \$160.

Richard Turner Riggs of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of S-Careless Driving, and was fined \$125.

Lloyd Kirk Ford Jr. of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 and placed on 180 days probation.

Tamara Marie Ingersoll of Roscommon, pled guilty to the charge of Fraud/Fail To Inform U/\$500, and was fined \$210.

Jeffery Allen Burden of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of (1) DUI/Per Se - Second Offense and (2) Cont. Sub Poss Of Marijuana, and was fined \$1,270 and placed on 365 days probation.

Thomas Elbert Burns of Frederic,

pled guilty to the charge of Fraud/Fail To Inform U/\$500, and was fined \$210. Linda Ruth Lowman of Frederic, pled guilty to the charge of Fraud/Fail To Inform U/\$500, and was fined \$210.

Eugene Casimer Wisniewski of Bay City, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560 and placed on 180 days probation.

Anthony Day Minton of Commerce, pled guilty to the charges of (1) Enter In Traffic Module and (2) S-No Valid License In Possess, and was fined \$324.

Harry Wellington Argue of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Retail Fraud Second Degree, and was fined \$210.

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The meeting will be held at the American Red Cross Gaylord Service Center, 116 E. Fifth Street, Gaylord.

Anyone interested in the American Red Cross, its mission and services is invited to attend. Those who are

interested can call 800-691-6059.

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Guidelines for police high-speed chases reviewed

by Sharon Lulek
Capital News Service

Would you want a high-speed police chase to happen on your neighborhood street? No way.

That's the same response police give when asked the question. And even though no recent changes have been made to the state police high-speed pursuit policy, officials say they do everything possible to avoid this potentially dangerous situation.

Col. Michael Robinson, director of the Michigan State Police, said his agency's policy is continually reviewed to see if changes are needed.

"So far, I haven't seen anything that's better than what we have," he said.

Questions concerning the risks of high-speed pursuits arose last December when 13-year-old Derek Womack of Chesterfield Township was killed by a speeding motorist's car as the driver fled from the state police.

According to Sgt. Tom Pokora of the State Police Driving Precision Division, the current policy contains "common sense" guidelines to help officers determine when a pursuit is appropriate. Pokora said the decision is left completely to each officer's discretion.

"You just pray that they don't hit anything and wait to get them later," Pokora said.

He said one of the most important guidelines is the fleeing person's identity. If officers know the person and

where he or she lives, they shouldn't engage in a high-speed pursuit.

Other guidelines used in deciding whether or not to pursue a person include the time of day, road and weather conditions and whether a life-threatening crime such as murder, rape or armed robbery occurred.

Police Chief Robert Graham of the Warren Police said the local agencies also make their own high-speed policies, and Warren's policy mirrors that of the state police.

"Ours is a pretty comprehensive policy, and all the policies are very similar," he said.

Graham said that like the state police, Warren continually reviews their high-speed pursuit policy. When a chase occurs, the officer involved needs to file a report describing the pursuit and the outcome. These reports are then used to see if the policy needs to be changed, Graham said.

Pokora said there are many alternatives that can be used to shorten the length of a pursuit.

One alternative is a device called a "stop stick," and nine out of 11 state police posts across the state have them. The sticks are triangular-shaped bars with hollow spikes to deflate a car's tires.

He hopes the technology will advance to the point where an officer could fire a laser from an officer's car to disable the electronic computer in a fleeing car. He said that could stop a car immediately.

"That would be beautiful," he said.



FIRE HELP — Russell Strohpaal (right), chief of the Grayling City and Township Fire Department, receives a check for \$108 to help purchase fire safety materials for their fire safety program. The check is from the Michigan Masonic Foundation and Grayling Lodge #356 F&AM. Worshipful Master, Allen Schreiner, made the presentation.

Camp will hold meetings in Crawford County

Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) will hold one-on-one meetings in Grayling, where he will listen to thoughts and concerns about upcoming action in Congress.

"It's important that I hear from people about the issues we'll be working on in Washington," said Camp. "I encourage anyone in Crawford County to attend one of my meetings in February."

Camp will meet with people in seven

towns and cities in mid-Michigan this month, including: Grayling on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Iron Gate Restaurant.

Camp is available to help people solve problems with government, whether it involves Social Security, Medicare or difficulties with other government agencies and programs.

Among the issues currently facing Congress is President Bill Clinton's \$1.7 trillion spending plan; the Balanced Budget Amendment; shrinking the size of government and passing tax relief for middle class families.

"It's an exciting time in Congress right now," said Camp. "We're ready to make real progress on issues that directly affect people in mid-Michigan. The Balanced Budget Amendment, in particular, is one of my top priorities. Its passage would create more jobs and a higher standard of living for all Americans."

Camp said he is also interested in getting views on President Clinton's budget proposal, a mixture of tax cuts, tax increases and spending plans that fails to balance the budget in 2002.

"The President's budget serves as a starting point for Congress and the White House as we work toward balancing the budget," said Camp. "Unfortunately, early analysis is showing that the President's budget doesn't balance. Like many people in this area, I'd like to see the budget balanced by 2002 as the President had promised during his campaign."

The President's plan includes both spending increases and tax hikes and is predicted to fall \$50 billion short of a balanced budget in 2002.

"In Congress, I'm working toward lower taxes and less government," said Camp. "I would like to see the President's budget go in the same direction. It's time to give working people and families in mid-Michigan a break. As I urge the President to control wasteful spending instead of raising taxes, your views will be important."

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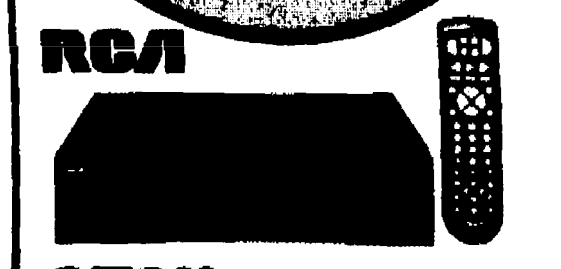
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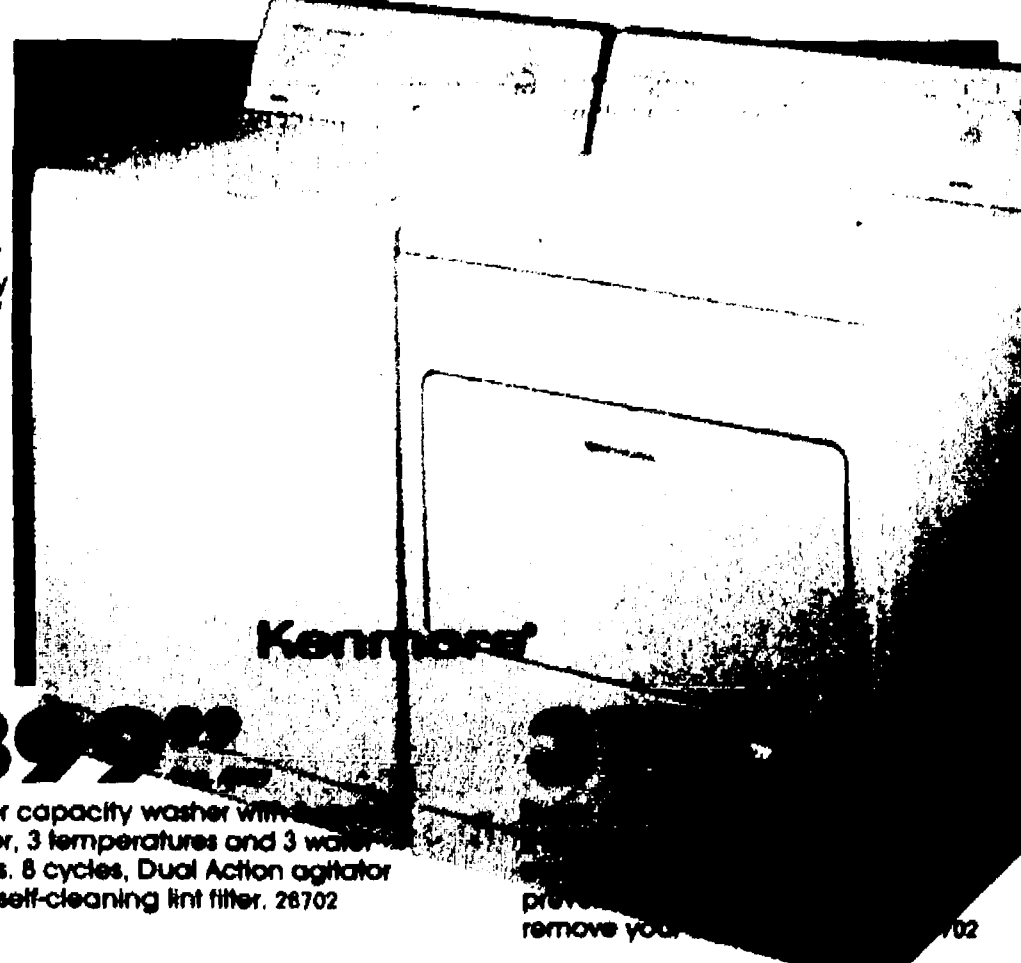
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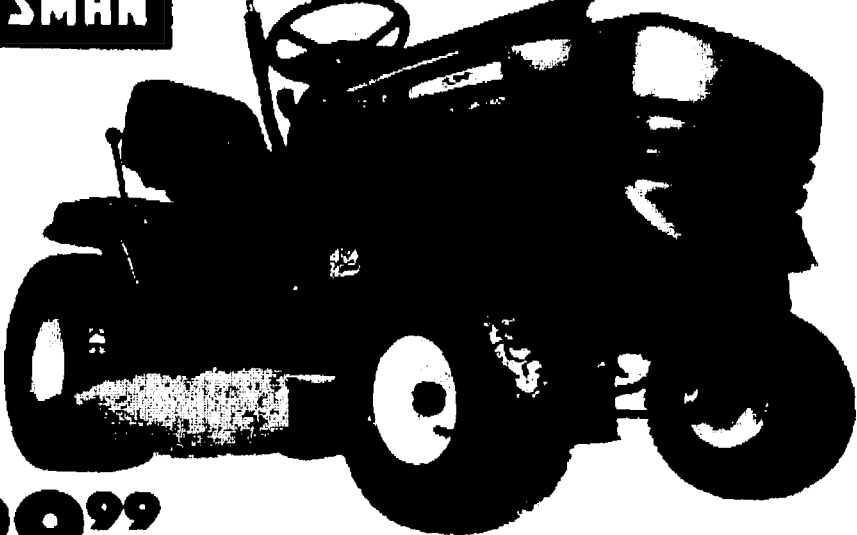
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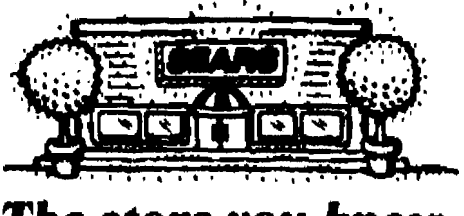
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MILITARY NEWS

Charles M. Kucharek

Charles M. Kucharek entered the United States Air Force Jan. 22, 1997, according to SSgt. Todd Bulmer of East Tawas.

Upon graduation from six weeks at the Basic Military Training course at Lackland, Texas, he will receive technical training in the Mechanical Area and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

He is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School and resided at Grayling.

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FIRM GROWS — A new employee and a new office have joined Carey & Associates, P.C., law firm. The employees are (front, from left): Kathleen Kaufman, Roberta Eckert Chrispell, (back) Nelson A. Miles, Richard J. Jaskowski, Eric G. Blubaugh and William L. Carey.

Area continues to show large population growth

Recent data compiled from the Michigan State University Extension/Kirtland Community College partnership and state planning officials show that the area in northern Michigan has the biggest population growth.

According to the data gathered by the Kirtland Extension group for the time from 1990 to 1995, the Kirtland area — Roscommon, Crawford, Oscoda and Ogemaw counties — are at the center of the state's growth hot spots.

These counties also were at or near the top of the largest population growths between 1980 and 1990, according to the Michigan Society of Planning Officials.

Except for five downstate counties that border major urban areas, all counties showing double-digit growth between 1990 and 1995, 13 of them, are in the northern part of Michigan.

"Through 1995 the migration to northern Michigan continues," a newsletter by the Kirtland Extension reads. "Even though many of these counties still have small populations by overall standards, double-digit growth means change, often big

County:	Rank:	Growth rate:
Otsego	2	15.6 percent
Roscommon	4	14.2 percent
Clare	7	12.5 percent
Missaukee	13	11.3 percent
Gladwin	14	11.0 percent
Oscoda	15	10.7 percent
Crawford	16	10.3 percent
Ogemaw	18	10.1 percent

change, in a very short amount of time."

The four Kirtland counties are all listed in the top 20 counties in population growth between 1990 and 1995. Roscommon County was fourth on the list with a 14.2 percent increase in population. Oscoda County had a growth rate of 10.7 percent, ranking 15th on the list. Crawford County was just behind Oscoda with a 10.3 percent growth rate for 16th on the list. Ogemaw County was 18th (10.1 percent).

Crawford, Kalkaska, Roscommon and Otsego counties also were part of a shorter list of selected counties reviewed for population growth between 1980 and 1990 by the state planning officials.

Crawford County showed a huge growth rate during the 1980s, finishing with a 29.5 percent growth rate. Kalkaska County (23.2 percent), Roscommon County (20.8 percent) and Otsego County (19.8 percent) also showed a big growth rate during the 1980 decade.

Grayling Township approves adult entertainment ordinance

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Don't bring that adult entertainment business in here.

That statement reflects that attitude of Grayling Township board members on their decision to approve an adult entertainment ordinance for Grayling Township.

The initiative for considering the ordinance stemmed from an incident in the Grand Traverse area. This ordinance puts a stop to adult entertainment-type businesses locating in certain locations within the township limits.

The incident in Blair Township (near Traverse City) involved an adult bookstore coming into the township, and the township did not have any recorded ordinances to prevent them from opening.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said the township board wanted to be proactive on the matter,

so this type of incident would not occur in the township.

Grayling Township and other county units of government also were made aware of the prosecutor's position by letter in September. The letter included a copy of another township's amendment to its zoning ordinance involving this matter.

"I would recommend that those units of government who have not zoned these type of businesses consider doing so in order to avoid the problem which was arisen in the Grand Traverse area," the letter from Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss read.

The purpose of the Grayling Township ordinance is to regulate certain undesirable adult entertainment and certain exhibitions of the human body near residential and other development areas upon which alcoholic beverages are sold.

"We started at ground zero," Wright said of the ordinance. "This may

discourage some type of adult entertainment business from coming in here. It limits where this type of business could be located."

The ordinance was drafted by reviewing ordinances from three organizations. It came from sample ordinances from the state township association, Churchill Township and the City of Gaylord.

The issue of drafting an adult entertainment ordinance originally was discussed at the township board's January meeting. The ordinance was tabled at that meeting so information could be gathered on whether any current township business would be affected.

"The nice thing about this ordinance is it has no effect on any current businesses in Grayling Township," Wright said following the February board meeting.

A stipulation was put in the ordinance which makes the ordinance only affect only those businesses which adult entertainment is 20 percent or more of their business. The City of Gaylord and East Bay Township have similar stipulations.

None of the current businesses within the township limits are affected by this ordinance because of this stipulation.

OBITUARIES

Julie Ann Marshall

Julie Ann Marshall, 55, passed away Feb. 10, 1997, at her home in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Julie was born in Grayling on Sept. 13, 1941. She graduated from Grayling High School in 1960. She made Columbus, Ohio, her home for 30 years.

Julie was the proprietor of a restaurant in Kirkersville, Ohio, for a number of years.

Preceding her in death was her mother, Edna Nielsen Marshall.

Surviving are her father, Melvin Marshall and her sisters, Camilla and Kathleen.

A memorial service will be held in the spring. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.



Julie Ann Marshall

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Law firm announces changes

The law firm of Carey & Associates, P.C., announce the following changes. Eric G. Blubaugh has joined the law firm of Carey & Associates, P.C. Blubaugh is a general practice lawyer who has a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and a Master of Law Degree in Taxation.

Additionally, the firm announced the opening of an office at 3225 W. Houghton Lake Drive in Houghton Lake. Roberta Eckert Chrispell will be the managing attorney of the Houghton Lake office. Chrispell has practiced since 1990 and has associated with the offices of Carey & Associates, P.C., for the last five years.

Carey & Associates, P.C. is a general practice law firm with six attorneys. The firm concentrates in the following areas: real estate, water law, domestic relations, criminal law, personal injury and civil litigation. Attorneys associated with Carey & Associates, P.C., are William L. Carey, Richard J. Jaskowski, Eric G. Blubaugh, Kathleen Kaufman, Nelson A. Miles, and Roberta Eckert Chrispell.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Aryn Lepsy of Murfreesboro, Tenn., recently had the honor of working out with Dale Frye. Frye has many movie credits including "Die Hard" with Bruce Willis, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Cyborg," and "The Crow" with Brandon Lee.

Aryn's mom is Lisa Lepsy, formerly of Grayling, and she is the granddaughter of Jackie Lepsy of Grayling and great-granddaughter of Bud Hunter and the late Eleanor Hunter of Grayling and Spring Hill, Fla.

Aryn is currently working on her third degree brown belt in Wado-Ryu Karate, and is a member of the United States Eastern Wado-Ryu Karate Do Federation. She has also trained with Dale Kirby, the United States weapons champion learning the art of the bo staff and swords. Eric Silver, who teaches the Gracie Jujitsu Style as used in the Ultimate Fighting Championships, and Takeshi Kawabe's Daitoryu Takuma-Kai Aiki Jujutsu team from Osaka, Japan.



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'Return to Sweden' with adventure series

The fifth presentation of the Crawford AuSable Community Education Travel and Adventure Series will take place on Feb. 27 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School when Dale Johnson takes the group to Sweden.

After finishing a stint in the Army Security Agency, Dale Johnson traveled throughout Central America living for a time with the Choco Indians in lower Panama in the jungles near the Colombian border. On this trip he did his first filming.

On returning to the United States, he took a degree at the University of Texas. While engaged in studies there, he began working in the commercial film business in Dallas where he filmed hundreds of commercials, documentaries, and two theatrical features.

He worked on television specials which aired on CBS and ABC Television Networks. He then spent two years directing and filming the outdoor television series, "The Lone Star Sportsman", which took him all over the United States and several foreign countries.

Johnson then joined the film unit attached to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, producing public relations and documentary films on

the Space Program. As a writer/producer, several of his films collected various awards. He spent five years at NASA working on many films during the "Skylab" era.

Moving to Alaska, he formed "Trailwood Films", producing television commercials, sponsored films, and documentaries. Many of these films won prizes and two of them collected the prestigious CINE Golden Eagle.

Because of his keen interest in wildlife and photographic ability, he has been profiled in *National Wildlife* magazine. His most recently completed film was a 35mm Cinemascope production in Dolby Stereo for the National Forest Service. This film won a Gold Medal at the New York International Film Festival.

Johnson and his wife, fellow travelogue artist, Sandy Mortimer, now reside in Huron, South Dakota.

Tickets for this performance are \$3.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for adults, and may be purchased at the door. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the journey begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The Travel and Adventure Series is presented in partnership with C. F. Pick and Sons of Grayling.

Feutz completes accelerated degree

Spring Arbor College has announced that an area resident is among the most recent graduates of the college's Management and Organizational Development (MOD) program. Ronald Feutz of Grayling, employed by CSI Industrial Systems, has finished the accelerated degree completion program and has received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

The MOD curriculum is one of three high intensity programs offered by Spring Arbor College in northern Michigan for adult students who want to complete their college education. Covering a span of slightly more than 55 weeks, the MOD classes give students a college major which

provides theoretical knowledge and builds skill levels in the areas of organizational structures, processes and management issues.

"We're proud of Ron and what he has accomplished," said Carl Heide, the college's academic director. "Returning to school and finishing that degree takes a lot of commitment and effort, but we know that this education will benefit Ron tremendously."

In addition to the MOD program, Spring Arbor college also offers programs in Management of Health Services and Family Life Education in northern Michigan.

BRIEFS

Business luncheon to be held in March

A business luncheon will be held March 4 at Michelson Memorial Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Cancer patient to have benefit dinner

A benefit dinner will be held for cancer patient Randy Ray on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. The meal will cost \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Lions Club drawing winner announced

The winner of the Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle drawing No. 12 was Sherie Bradley of Grayling. She won \$100.

Luncheon, card party to be held

The ladies of St. John Lutheran Church are having a luncheon and card party on Feb. 26, beginning at noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

Michelson lunch series continue

Thursday, Feb. 20, from noon to 1 p.m. Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church lenten lunch bag series will continue with speaker Armanda Graube, a foreign exchange student from Latvia. The series takes place in the fellowship hall of the church.

Straw's make dean's lists

Stacy Straw, a senior at Western Michigan University, majoring in English and Trish Straw a sophomore at Central Michigan University were both named to the dean's list for their respective universities for the fall semester. Stacy plans to work at a publishing company as a writer or editor upon graduation. Trish, currently a sophomore at the University of West Florida is majoring in marine biology.

Thompson earns WMU degree

Angela R. Thompson, daughter of Lynn and Randy Thompson of Grayling, earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Western Michigan University. She graduated cum laude from the university in December.

Pictionary Olympics set for March 14

Get ready for the 10th annual Pictionary Olympics, put on by the Grayling Promotional Association. The fun and antics of local businesses and civic organizations will take place Friday, March 14, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling.

Teams of four compete in the annual event, with all proceeds benefiting the

AuSable River Festival Parade. Sponsor fee is \$60, and contestants should come dressed in attire representing their organization. Trophies are awarded to the top three teams.

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High school infrastructure needs addressed at board meeting

At the most recent Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting, a list of needs for Grayling High School was presented by Superintendent Kent Reynolds.

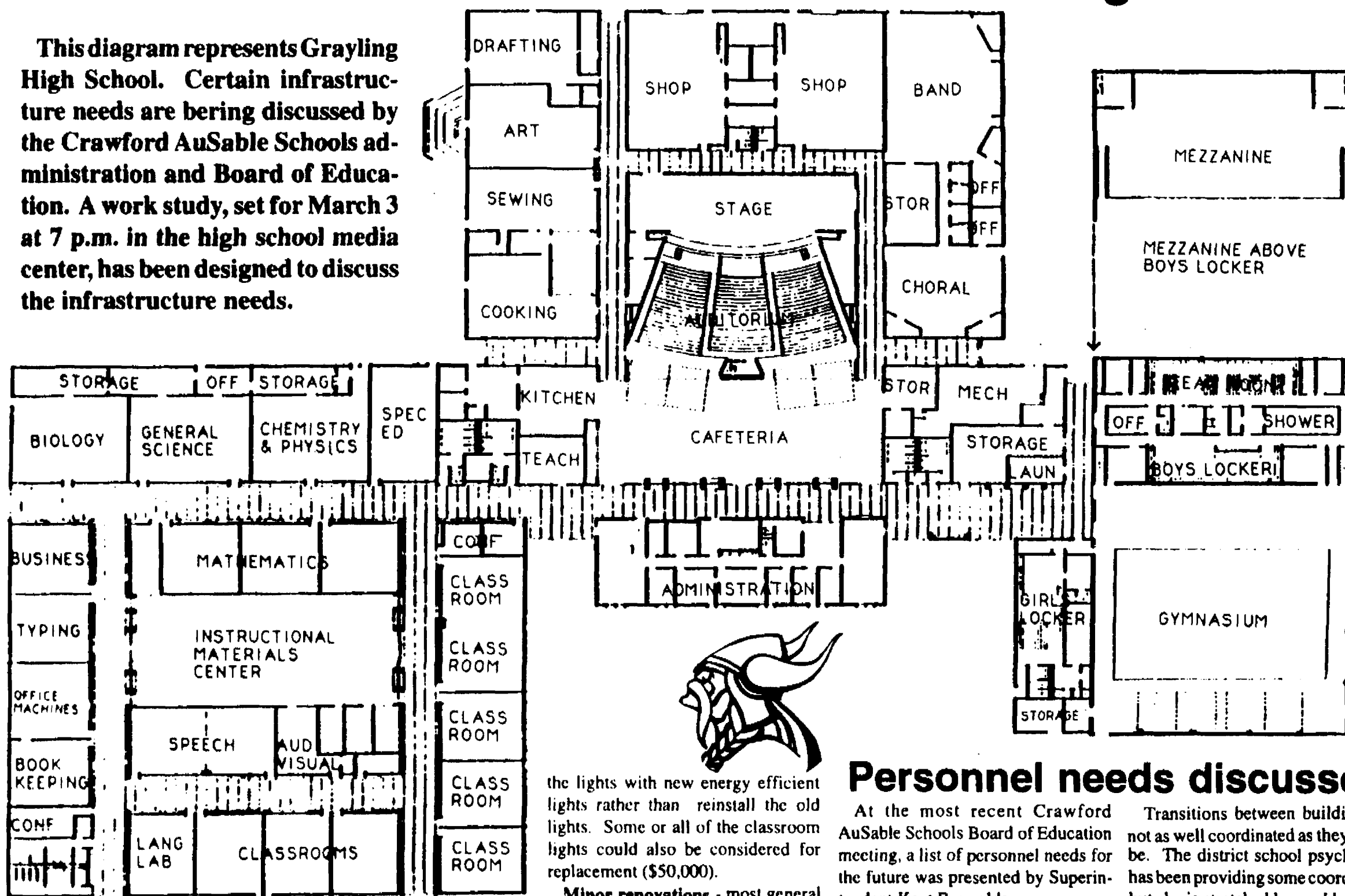
The needs (with estimated cost in parentheses) were identified when faculty and staff met at the high school on Jan. 28.

The detailed list was provided to the board to aid them in deciding when to present a bond issue to the community.

Reynolds stated that the estimated costs of the projects included in the report are very high. A work study session will be held on March 3 at 7 p.m. in the high school's media center.

The public is welcome at the work study, but Reynolds advised that no board business will be discussed other than the high school infrastructure needs.

This diagram represents Grayling High School. Certain infrastructure needs are being discussed by the Crawford AuSable Schools administration and Board of Education. A work study, set for March 3 at 7 p.m. in the high school media center, has been designed to discuss the infrastructure needs.



Critical Needs

HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) - the system must be replaced. The best option is to replace the system of unit ventilators with centralized air handling units (\$800,000).

Roof replacement - the roof is 14 years old and beyond the 10-year warranty. It is failing and even shattering in some locations. It must be replaced but logically should be done at the same time as the HVAC is replaced due to significant changes in roof protrusions (\$400,000 - 100,000 square feet at \$4 per square foot).

Six to eight additional classrooms - the building is at or near maximum use with 650 students this year. Projections are for 750 students within the next four years making the immediate need for four classrooms. For flexibility of scheduling, meeting future needs and addressing the needs of curricular areas with inadequate facilities, at least six additional rooms are needed. However, for best planning eight additional rooms are needed.

If the present choral room is incorporated into a new kitchen and cafeteria and if the wing from the cooking room to the drafting room is renovated from four classrooms into an art room and two classrooms, eight additional rooms will be necessary so the lost spaces can be replaced.

The specific type of room would be determined during detailed planning with an architect and construction manager.

Four new science labs and some technology based classrooms are high priorities. (\$1,080,000 - eight classrooms at 12,000 square feet at an average of \$90 per square foot; six classrooms at 7,200 square feet at an average of \$93 per square foot would cost \$600,000).

High Priority Needs

Major renovation of existing classroom and media space - some of the existing classroom space was designed for the curriculum of the 1960s and does not meet the needs of today's curriculum or that of the next century.

The current science lab and special education classroom space needs renovation for business technology, publications and tech prep curriculum.

The double classroom adjacent to the media center needs to be opened to the media center and as part of total media center renovation, renovated into an autocad and drafting lab.

The media center itself needs outside light and a complete physical redesign.

A media production studio needs to be created in or near the media center, perhaps in the classroom adjacent to the media center between the computer lab and ITV lab.

The space itself is adequate and the location in the heart of the building is good.

The wing from the cooking room to the drafting room needs complete renovation to meet today's curriculum, for example an art room.

That space will probably incorporate two of the existing four rooms. The current kitchen space can be incorporated into the current faculty lunch room to provide adequate lunch room space, separated work space and

bathrooms.

The shops will also need minor renovations (\$1,091,200 - 19,630 square feet at \$50 per square foot; 5,485 square feet at \$20 per square foot).

New cafeteria and kitchen - a new cafeteria and kitchen need to be constructed. The best location is in the space outside the gymnasium and choral room in the circle drive area. The present kitchen is inadequate for preparation of balanced, nutritional meals for 750 high school students.

The present cafeteria is inadequate. It is essentially an expanded hallway. Supervision is difficult, there are no bathrooms, it cannot be accessed from the outside and the space cannot be closed off for contained activities.

A smooth transition from the existing building space to the new space could be made by incorporating part or all of the present choral room.

The new cafeteria in that location would provide space for activities associated with the gymnasium, concession/lobby for the auditorium and would allow for activities without access to the rest of the building.

Office space for the food service director should be included and a food court concept should be considered for efficiency in serving. (\$929,200 - includes 5,000 square feet of new construction at \$80 per square foot; 1,584 square feet of renovation at \$50 per square foot; \$350,000 for equipment and \$100,000 for bathrooms).

Auditorium expansion and renovation - with the construction of a new cafeteria, the present cafeteria can be incorporated into the auditorium. The corridors in "B" wing would be extended through the present cafeteria to provide access to "B" wing and the new cafeteria.

Additional seating for 250 can be added in a wing on each side or straight back. Seating on the wings allows the booth to remain in its present location. Seating all the way across the back requires that the booth be moved.

A moveable solid acoustical wall can separate the new seating from the old to allow use as a single large auditorium with seating for 650 or for smaller areas for forensics, debate and lectures.

It allows retention of the intimate smaller auditorium for smaller audience productions.

Remaining present cafeteria space can be renovated to provide storage of sets, flats, lighting, props and costumes; dressing rooms, a makeup room and either a performing arts classroom or a commons for the building which could be used as an auditorium lobby. Incorporated into a new main en-

trance for the building through the existing office space, it would make a convenient lobby and entrance to the auditorium eliminating interruptions caused by patrons using side doors during productions.

The lighting system is antiquated and parts are not available. It should be replaced. A wheelchair lift to the stage must be added. The main curtain is 24 years old and will disintegrate if we attempt to clean it. It should be replaced. (\$310,000 - renovation of 4,000 square feet of cafeteria at \$50 per square foot; seating for 250 at \$150 each; lighting and sound replacement/improvement at \$50,000; curtain replacement at \$30,000 and wheelchair lift at \$13,000).

Window replacement - the windows are all single pane. With replacement of HVAC, it makes sense to do total energy efficiency improvement with insulated glass (\$100,000).

Entry vestibules - the entries in the front of "A" wing and the classroom side and back of "B" wing need double door vestibules to reduce cold air entering hallways. If the additional classrooms attach at the end of the main hallway of "A" wing, the new cafeteria attaches to the gym side of "B" wing and office expansion and a new single main entrance replace the existing front entrances, only four new vestibules are needed (\$40,000).

Office expansion and new main entrance - the present office is inadequate for present needs and personnel. A full sized conference room, a small conference room, additional office space for district and outside agency personnel, a detention and in school suspension room, a sick room, a career/vocational room, additional reception space for counseling and general office, a work and production room and additional work space for secretarial personnel are needed.

The building does not have a main entrance. If the two present entrances are incorporated into an office expansion and a new main entrance is constructed through the center of the present office to interface with commons or lobby are in the present hallway/cafe area, both needs can be met (\$400,015 - renovation of 3,696 square feet at \$40 per square foot; additional 2,029 square feet at \$75 per square foot and entry at \$100,000).

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - new door hardware is required and some work may need to be done in the bathrooms (\$50,000).

with complete replacement of HVAC, the hallway ceilings and lighting will have to be removed so ductwork can be installed. It makes sense to replace

the lights with new energy efficient lights rather than reinstall the old lights. Some or all of the classroom lights could also be considered for replacement (\$50,000).

Minor renovations - most general classrooms need only minor renovations including painting, cabinet repair, white boards to replace chalkboards and replacement of the moveable wall in one pair of rooms (\$124,000 - 16 classrooms at 775 square feet each at \$10 per square foot).

Language lab replacement - the present language lab is antiquated and unusable. It should be replaced with a wireless version incorporating modern technology (\$10,000).

Loose furnishings - much of the furniture and equipment in the building is 24 years old and needs replacement (\$50,000).

Visible strobe fire alarms - with significant renovation, code requires the visible strobe alarms (\$25,000).

Replace all ceiling tile - with the HVAC project affecting all ceiling spaces with the significant damage from the leaking roof and with renovation the tile should be replaced (\$125,000).

Parking and bus loop - safety demands better traffic flow. Additional visitor parking, separate from bus traffic and separate from other parking, should be developed in front of the building. A bus loop not open to other vehicles would improve safety (\$100,000).

Gymnasium expansion and addition - an additional gym floor is needed to accommodate the large number of teams for practice and games and to accommodate community requests.

Additional seating is needed to attract tournaments, a benefit to the community. A wrestling room is needed for practice as the wrestlers currently use the cafeteria.

A girls varsity locker room is needed to address a Title IX violation. If a second mezzanine is added with a wrestling room and girls locker room below with seating above and if a second gym floor is added on the road side of the second mezzanine, these needs can be met.

A lobby between the gym and parking lot with ticket booths, bathrooms, concessions, display cases and entrances to both seating sides of the gym would be convenient for spectators, improve crowd control and allow the gym to operate independently from the rest of the building for events.

An elevator is needed to provide access to the present mezzanine for the weight room (\$1,529,000 - lobby at 3,300 square feet at \$85 per square foot; additional physical education gymnasium at 7,650 square feet at \$100 per square foot; mezzanine at 3,090 square feet at \$100 per square foot; bleachers at \$150,000 and the elevator at \$25,000).

Personnel needs discussed

At the most recent Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting, a list of personnel needs for the future was presented by Superintendent Kent Reynolds.

The positions needed are in random order as follows (cost, including salary and benefits is in parentheses):

Half time middle school counseling secretary - There is currently no one providing reception and secretarial support in the counseling office for half of each school day. Counseling services at the middle school would be enhanced with this support (\$10,102).

High school technology paraprofessional - the school presently has a full time paraprofessional who splits time between the media center and computer labs.

The media center will need a full time person as it improves services and the number of students using it every hour increases.

There is a need for a full time person to service the four high school computer labs. This person will assist individual students in accessing the functions they need, supervise students and perform minor maintenance, set up and diagnosis.

This person would allow the high school technology director time to address training and the more complex problems of the system (\$17,295 for one full time position).

Separate athletic director from assistant principal - the position needs to be separated, but the new high school administration should have time to function with the present combined position.

This extra time will allow the administration to determine how much time is needed and what other position could be combined with the athletic director position.

The most cost effective way to separate the position would be to release a teacher two to three periods per day to handle athletic director duties and to pay that person extra duty pay for evening and weekend work. (\$28,000).

Elementary special education teacher or paraprofessionals - the district will need to hire an additional special education teacher next fall or hire paraprofessionals to provide direct services as proscribed by teachers (\$41,876 one full teacher or \$42,774 for two half-time paraprofessionals).

District curriculum director - the district has found it difficult to coordinate curriculum development so it falls to the superintendent or building principals, all who have significant time constraints preventing curriculum development, from receiving the attention it deserves (\$80,625).

District special education director - Currently, the superintendent serves in this capacity. Time constraints make the reality that district special education direction does not receive the attention it needs.

Transitions between buildings are not as well coordinated as they should be. The district school psychologist has been providing some coordination but she is stretched beyond her limits with the demands of her position.

The district gets a great deal of help from COOR ISD, but only on call for legal interpretations and compliance advice. The district is now spending \$1 of every \$12 in the general fund budget on special education.

It is possible that this position could be combined with another administrative function, possibly curriculum director or athletic director (\$80,625 full-time \$39,880 half time).

Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary each add one half-time secretary - Last year the district had two full time secretaries at the Grayling Elementary School. With the addition of the AuSable Primary this year, the district added one secretary for the two buildings to share.

The district has already found a need for two full time secretaries. There are so many demands on secretarial time by students, teachers and parents that the district needs one person who will always be available in the office for reception and other office duties and one available to serve the needs of students, staff and parents throughout the building (\$22,229).

Custodial/Maintenance services - with the addition of an additional building, additional playground, playfield and athletic field space, the district needs to conduct a thorough review of the custodial/maintenance service to insure that the needs of the district are being met (\$29,129).

Central office secretary - The district is currently operating with the same number of central office secretaries as it did 16 years ago. With the expansion of reception duties taking away from assistant superintendent secretarial duties with increased complexity and difficulty in personnel and accounts payable and with the need to cover reception duties while the receptionist sorts mail, eats lunch and takes breaks, an additional person is now needed (\$27,006).

Additional seventh grade teacher - one additional teacher is needed to allow for teaming at the seventh grade level (\$41,876).

Additional high school teacher - due to increased enrollment an additional teacher will be needed (\$41,876).

Additional gifted/talented teacher - the additional teacher is needed for services at the elementary level and for an additional section of advanced studies at the high school level (\$41,876).

Additional elementary school teacher - to insure class sizes at or under 25 pupils an additional elementary teacher will be needed (\$41,876).

The total cost for each additional staff member needed is \$505,289.

CARD OF THANKS

A short time ago, the staff at the emergency department of Mercy Hospital experienced a rather unique situation. A Spanish-speaking patient required treatment. This became very trying as it was realized that the patient did not understand even the simplest of English, making the task of obtaining an adequate history nearly impossible. Treatment of most emergency situations requires not only a good understanding of what happened, but also how, when and where it happened, leaving the staff facing a communication gap.

A quick scan of available resources revealed two Spanish-speaking interpreters, Gina Bidwell and the Spanish instructor at Grayling High School, Nancy Lemmen. Within minutes of being called, both Nancy and Gina were at the patient's bedside providing a line of communication that was desperately needed. Surely, this genuine display of selflessness and charity made the staff's job much easier, but more importantly, it made the patient's visit to the emergency department much less traumatic. These two individuals are to be commended for their caring and willingness to drop everything for the sake of their community and a person in need. On behalf of the Emergency Department at Mercy Hospital, I extend a heartfelt thanks to Nancy and Gina.

Josh Woodland
Emergency Department Employee

SPORTS

Grayling boys ski team wins regional

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School ski teams traveled to Manistee to compete in the state regional competition.

The teams did a great job going up against 15 area teams.

The boys team came in first place overall and are headed to the state competition at Nub's Nob near Harbor Springs on Monday, Feb. 24.

The girls finished in fourth place and missed going to state competition by one spot.

"The competition in the boys events was as close as I can remember in over 30 years of coaching," said coach Mike Wieland.

After the morning's giant slalom

event, the Vikings were in a tie for second with Elk Rapids with a score of 61.5.

The meet would be decided in the slalom race and the team discussed whether to go for the win or just make sure they end up in at least third place. The team wanted to ski aggressively and go for the victory," said Wieland.

The Vikings won the slalom event with a 52 and went on to win the regional with a score of 113.5. The Vikings were followed by Manistee and Elk Rapids who will join the Vikings at the state competition.

The boys team was led by Travis Hopp, Jason Steele, Eric Thompson and Colin Hunter who scored in both races.

Travis Hopp finished sixth in the slalom and tied for seventh in the giant slalom.

Jason Steele placed eighth in the slalom and fifteenth in the giant slalom.

Colin Hunter placed 22nd in slalom and 18th in giant slalom.

Eric Thompson finished 16th in the slalom and 21st in giant slalom.

The girls team got off to a slow start in the slalom event and came away with a sixth-place finish.

The girls came back in the giant slalom and finished third.

Kim Hartman missed qualifying for state by .19 seconds.

"The girls were happy with the finish, but no one really likes to be the first team left home after being that close," said Wieland.

Brooke Ginter was the top slalom skier for the girls placing 21st.

The top skier overall was Katie Olson placing 23rd and 3rd. Kim Hartman was 29th and 16th. Brooke Ginter was 27th in the giant slalom. Amanda Febey was 37th and 31st.

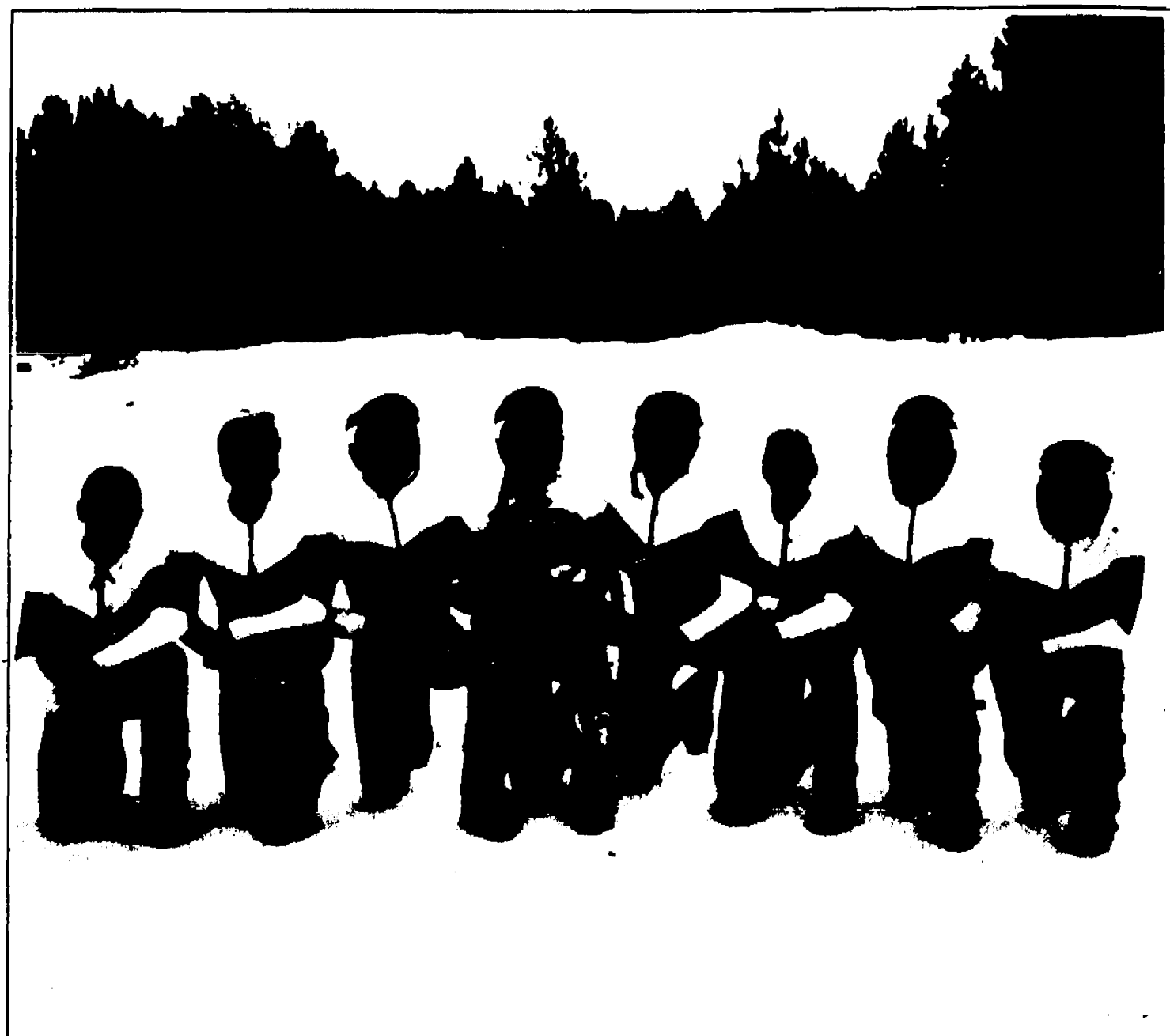
Jenni Jurkovich came in 44th and tied for 27th. Kristen Kearney lost a ski in the slalom and was 33rd in the giant slalom.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, the Vikings traveled to Mount Holiday near Traverse City and skied a night meet against Elk Rapids and Kalkaska.

The Vikings were very successful with first-place finishes by both the boys and girls teams.

The top skier in the girls competition was Katie Olson placing first in both the slalom and giant slalom.

Kim Hartman placed second in both races. Amanda Febey placed eighth in the slalom and third in the giant slalom.



REGIONAL CHAMPS — The Grayling boys ski team has advanced to the state meet by winning the regional championship. The winning team consists of, from left: Joe Hughes, Josh Mueller, Colin Hunter, Jason Steele, Travis Hopp, Clark Wilcox, Jason Boreo and Eric Thompson.

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Vikings of the week

Skiing
Travis Hopp

Viking senior Travis Hopp was chosen Viking of the Week for leading the boys team to the regional championship. Travis finished 6th in slalom and tied for 7th in giant slalom.

Holiday Inn
Viking of the week

Skiing
Katie Olson

Viking sophomore Katie Olson was chosen Viking of the Week for winning the slalom and giant slalom in a tri-meet at Mt. Holiday near Traverse City, on Tuesday.

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Winds don't slow skiers

A number of new racers turned out again this week to try their luck at skiing the course. In the pre-school and kindergarten group, Gracie Calkins finished first, followed by Emily Sloan, Meghan Wyskiel, and Taylor Doremire. In the boys group, Spencer Dean was the undisputed racer.

In the first and second grade girls group, Jessica Riddle put together three nice runs and finished first, followed by Avery Diola, Rachel Doremire, Gabby Calkins and Shantel DeSloover. Again this week Kody Kola was the top finisher for the first and second grade boys. Andrew Hart moved into second followed by Rocky McNamara and Kody Curtis.

Jodi Riddle followed her sister's example and was the top finisher for the third and fourth grade girls. Jill Seager was second, and Nicole Dixon took third. Trevor Clough continued his winning ways and again was the top finisher for the third and fourth grade boys. Patrick McNally moved into second followed by Russell Peters, Paul Montagne, Alex McNamara, Nick Terry, Zach Dean, Eric Jurkovich, and Kris Curtis.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls group, Andria Alvarez skied to the top finish; Britni Baker was second; Allyson Diola, third; and Danielle Ross, fourth. Justin Hanes led the fifth and sixth grade boys. He was followed by Joey Highlen, Matt Seager, Justin Lobsinger, Josh Jurkovich, and Dustin Ellis.

The Seventh and eighth grade girls were again led by Joni Ames, Sasha Latuszek was second, and Ashley Wolcott, third. Ryan Stahl put together the fastest runs of the day and led the seventh and eighth grade boys. Matt Ginter took second; Geoff Montagne, third; Ben McNally, fourth; Damien Fleischmann, fifth; Chris McGuire, sixth; and Eric Hart, seventh.

Director of the clinic John Alef said, "The snow was great but the wind was bitter cold" for the Citizen's Bank race clinic at Hanson Hills. Alef said the helpers who worked in the wind showed true endurance.

Next Sunday is the last race for the season, the points the racers have been accumulating will be added up and awards will be presented at the end of the races.

Supporting cast steps it up to win district

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The five mid-weight wrestlers from 125-pound weight class to 145-pound weight class have been carrying the Grayling wrestling team this season. The "Fab Five" were coming off of a tournament and conference meet where they each were crowned champions back to back.

So when it was learned that four out of these five Vikings lost their matches against Benzie Central, the immediate reaction is that the Grayling squad must have lost.

But that was not the case at the team district at Benzie Central on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The supporting cast of Grayling wrestlers came up huge in the match, and the Vikings pulled off a stunning 39-30 upset of Benzie Central.

The Vikings went on to easily defeat Kalkaska, 65-12, to gain the district title. Grayling advanced to the team regional at Gladstone. The regional

match was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

The district victory against Benzie is definitely an upset, since Benzie was hosting the event and were ranked number nine in the state in Division III.

"It was a total team victory," said coach Don Ferguson. "The excitement was very high. It was a great effort by the whole team, and the supporting cast came through."

Each of the individual weight class contests were important in the match against Benzie Central. The final result of the match could have changed with any one of the individual contests.

Matt Evon (103 pounds) and Josh Niederer (112) got Grayling off to a 12-0 lead. Both Vikings received forfeits. Dana Beckwith (119) kept the momentum going by earning a 5-0 victory against his opponent, giving the team another three points.

Eddie Davis (125) won by pin, giving the Vikings another six points.

The Vikings led 21-0 after four matches.

Then Benzie Central came back with four, hard fought victories in a row. Dave Shepherd (130) lost a 4-0 decision to his opponent and Ben Malonen (135) fell by a score of 5-1.

Jason Hall (140) lost a good match, 3-2, and Josh Taylor (145) came out on the short end of a 7-5 score. Since these four wrestlers only lost by a few points, Benzie only earned three points apiece for each victory which was important in the final team total.

The two huge victories came in the next two weight classes. Joe Medeiros (152) and Nate Niederer (160) won their matches. Not only did they come out with victories, but they won by pins giving their team six team points in each match.

Armands Graube (171) won by a forfeit, which finished the scoring for Grayling. Brandon Gabriel lost by pin and Grayling forfeited the 215 and heavyweight divisions in the match, making the final score 39-30.



DISTRICT CHAMPS — The Grayling wrestling team won the district trophy and has advanced to the regional meet. The team pulled off an upset against Benzie Central to earn the championship. The team is made up of (kneeling, from left): Josh Niederer, Matt Evon, Eddie Davis, Jason Hall, (middle row standing) Nate Niederer, Marianne Vollmer, (holding the trophy) coach Don Ferguson, Jason Dasho, Dave Shepherd, Dana Beckwith, Ben Malonen, Josh Taylor, Armands Graube and Brandon Gabriel.

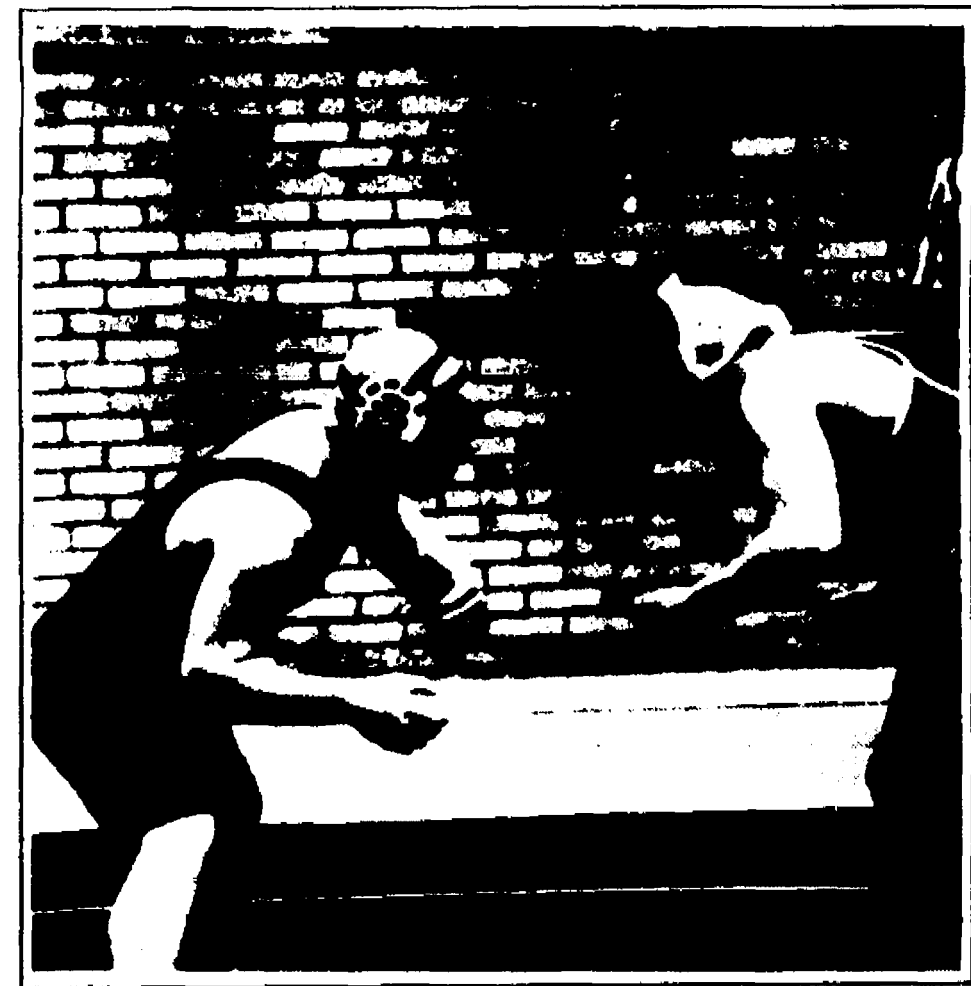
Photos by Eric Gaertner

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed		National First League	
CS 1	25.5 10.5	Moore's Auto Parts	20.8
Us & Them	21.5 14.5	Carquest	19.9
Mac's Drugs	20.16	City Environmental	15.13
Pioneer Hills Marine	19.17	Breakers Steak House	14.14
Robideau Cons	18.18	Guns & Grub	13.15
Computer Service	14.22	Forest Bros	12.16
D A M M	14.22	Northern Whittail Ranch	12.16
All Season's Drywall	12.24	Corkys D J & Karoke	7.21
Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 191, 192, R. Kehring, 189, G. Miller, 187		High Game: B. Palmer, 252, A. Angove, 213, M. Millikin, 210	
Men's High Series: R. Kehring, 527, J. Helsel, 515, E. Wilde, 490		High Series: B. Palmer, 616, D. Henning, 563, A. Angove, 549	
Women's High Game: M. Miller, 210, J. Wilde, 203, N. Glascoe, 202			
Women's High Series: M. Miller, J. Wilde, 531, J. Hinds, 527, N. Glascoe, 512			
Senior Citizens League		American Men's League	
Totten's Body Shop	50.5 17.5	Rod's Auto Body	29.13
Buccilli's Pizza	50.5 17.5	Auto Parts	25.17
Cornell's Realty	49.39	Upper Lakes	23.19
Century 21 Realty	47.41	Fenton's Auto Service	23.19
Mac's Drug Store	44.44	BCI	20.22
Flowers by Josie	38.50	Northwoods Land	19.23
Baynham Wood Products	36.52	McLean's Ace	15.27
Sylvester's Sports	35.53	Stitches by Sue	14.28
Men's High Game: K. Harris, 215, G. Wolfe, 198, H. Ingram, 197		High Game: J. Helsel, 210, B. Palmer, 209, J. Helsel, 202	
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 524, K. Harris, 509, H. Ingram, 490		High Series: J. Helsel, 555, B. Palmer, 545, D. Metzger, 531	
Women's High Game: D. Hall, 179, R. Stimpson, 175, D. Mead, 165			
Women's High Series: R. Stimpson, 461, G. Donnelly, 440, A. Roman, 432			

POOL LEAGUE

Friday Night Mixed Doubles		Women's Pool League	
A. Bulldog Towing	26-10	Swamp II	116
Helsel Bros. Logging	24-12	Legion	115
Cedar Motel	17-19	Plaza	112
Moshier Auto Repair	16-20	Red Barn	107
Advance Collision	15-21	Spikes	100
No Fear	15-21	Breakers	98
Tees-N-Such	15-21	5 BALL RUN: Barb of Plaza and Jeannie of Red Barn	
AJD Forest Products	15-21		
Men's High Game: M. Sumner, 221, S. Moon, 199, J. Campbell, 182		Men's Pool League	
Men's High Series: M. Sumner, 519, J. Campbell, 502, S. Moon, 498		Red Barn II	67-41
Women's High Game: K. Lozon, 181, C. Moon, 179, S. Rioux, 178		Holiday Inn	53-37
Women's High Series: K. Lozon, 500, S. Rioux, 461, P. Prosser, 439		Weyerhaeuser	61-47
		Frederic Inn I	59-49
		Frogies	40-50
		Plaza	40-50
		Frederic Inn II	40-50
		Red Barn I	39-51
		Breakers	33-57
		8 BALL ON BREAK: Jeff W. of Frederic Inn II	
		8 BALL RUN: Gale of Frederic Inn I and Frennie of Red Barn II	
		7 BALL RUN: Phil and Dean of Red Barn I and Hal of Frederic Inn II	
Triangle League			
Airway Auto	24-4		
Blanken	18-10		
3-D's	15-13		
Barber Const	15-13		
Moshier Auto	15-13		
Grayling Ford	9-19		
JJ's Motor Mall	9-19		
Jackson Trio	6-22		
High Game: J. Helsel, B. Palmer, 211, J. Helsel, 210, M. Campbell, 205			
High Series: B. Palmer, B. Palmer, 589, J. Helsel, 587, M. Campbell, 553			



READY TO SHOOT — Nate Niederer is in good wrestling position. He could shoot for a take down or tie up his opponent. Niederer came through with one of the key victories in the district match against Benzie Central.

Holiday Inn Viking of the week



**Wrestling
Dave Shepherd**
Viking junior Dave Shepherd was chosen Viking of the Week for advancing to the regionals. He lost a close match in the district finals to finish second.

Seven Grayling grapplers advance to regionals

Seven Grayling grapplers have extended their seasons on an individual basis by advancing to the state regional meet at Big Rapids on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The seven Vikings earned the trip to the regionals by finishing in the top three in their respective weight class at the individual district meet in Gladwin on Feb. 15. The top finishers at the regional meet will advance to the Division III state individual finals.

Grayling returned home with two district champions. Ben Malonen (135) and Jason Hall (140) went undefeated at the district meet to earn the championship.

Malonen defeated Gary Terwilliger of Alma, 8-1, in the final match in the 135-pound weight class. Coach Don Ferguson said Malonen dominated his opponent in the finals.

Hall defeated Tom Brisset of Standish-Sterling by the score of 5-2. Although Hall won by only three points, Ferguson said Hall had control of the match the whole way.

Eddie Davis (125) had a great match in the finals against a tough wrestler from Shepherd, Robert Cline. Davis lost the match in overtime, 7-5, and settled for the second place finish.

Dave Shepherd (130) also ran into a tough wrestler from Shepherd High School. Kurt Root defeated Grayling's Shepherd by a close score of 4-0 in the finals.

Josh Taylor advanced to the finals in the 145-pound weight class, but came out on the short end of a 10-1 score. He lost to Don Mapes of Pinconning and settled for a runner-up finish.

Josh Niederer (103) also had trouble with a Shepherd wrestler. Andrew Curtiss of Shepherd gave Niederer his only loss of the day. Niederer won three matches at districts to earn a third place finish. Niederer qualified for regionals in this his freshman season.

Joe Medeiros (152) had a good showing, winning two matches and losing only one. The loss came against an Oscoda opponent, leaving Medeiros with a third place and a trip to the regionals.



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The smelt fishing has been very good at night up at Heart Lake, North of Waters, the nice thing about this lake is that you fish near shore. They have been catching some good perch at Big Bradford Lake up on the North County Line, however this is a very deep lake and you quite often fish near the bottom. Also Manistee Lake over on Highway 612 has been producing some fair catches of bluegill and crappie. The fishing will improve over the next few weeks or so.

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Vikings pick up big wins

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity basketball team finally got some good offensive production and came away with a win over the rival Roscommon Bucks.

The Vikings lost to the Bucks earlier in the season. The game was strung out with fouls against the Vikings and 27 free throws by the Bucks gave them a victory over the Vikings.

This was a game that the Vikings were looking forward to, and they came out and performed.

The Vikings came away with a 63-60 victory.

"This was a sweet game for our kids because we avenged an earlier 63-45 defeat. Our kids played with a lot of intensity and heart," said coach Rich Moffit.

The Vikings also had a good rebounding game and outrebounded the Bucks 26-19.

Matt LaForest had seven rebounds and Nate Hinkle had five to lead the Vikings.

Grayling also took care of the ball and only committed 11 turnovers.

The Vikings were led in scoring by Matt LaForest who had 23 points.

Nate Hinkle added 15 and Brad Ritter had 9 points.

"Matt, Nate and Brad played well offensively for us. Ben Haskel, Travis Parkinson, Eli Tobin, Brad Larm and David Sabin gave us some solid minutes at the defensive end of the court," said Moffit.

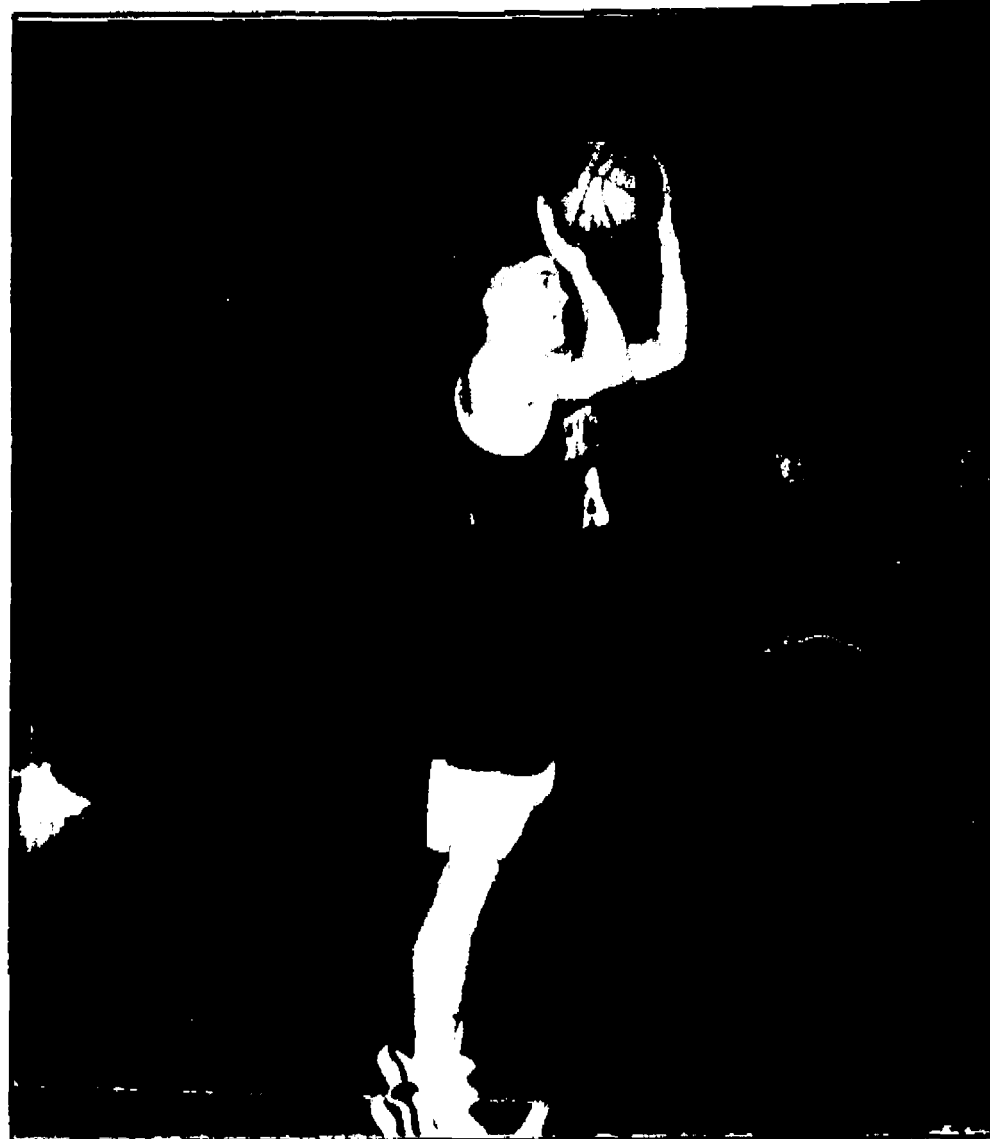
The Vikings traveled to Lincoln-Alcona on Friday, Feb. 14, but were defeated 67-44.

The Vikings struggled offensively and could not keep up with the Tigers. Nate Hinkle led the Vikings with 15 points and Matt LaForest had 7. Brad Ritter added 6 points.

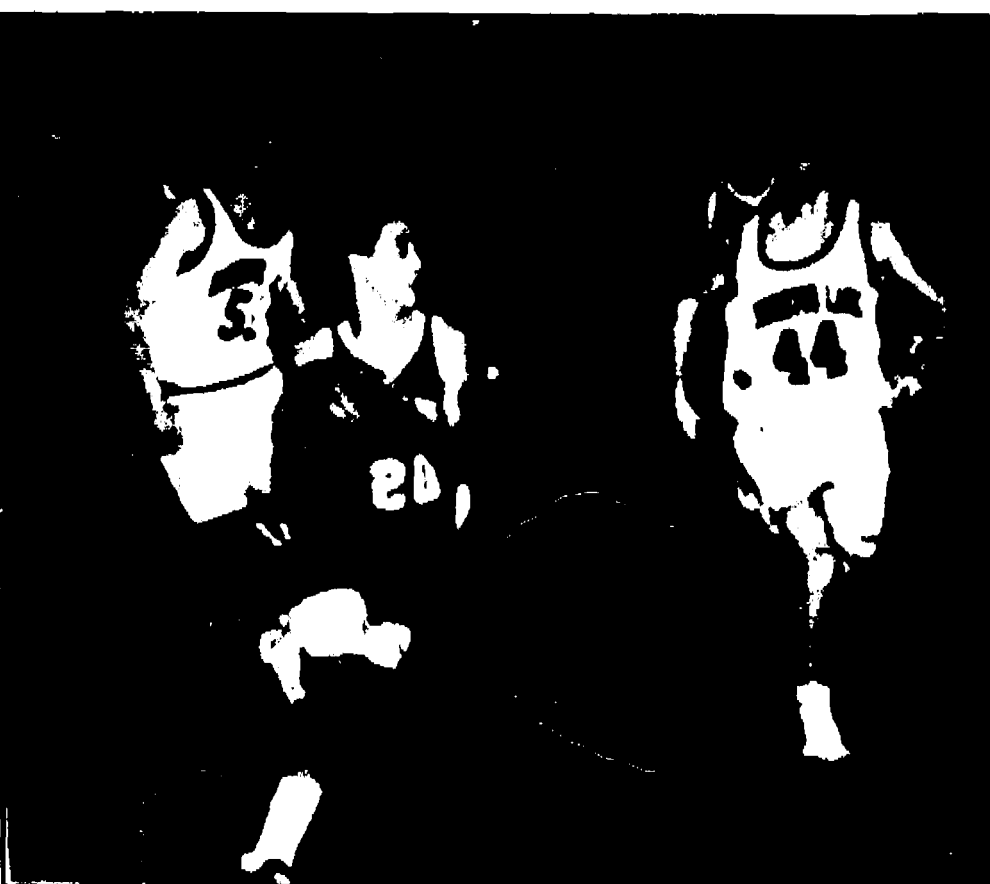
The Vikings had to play on Saturday, Feb. 15, in a make-up game against Whittemore-Prentiss. The Vikings had a great offensive and defensive game throughout. The Vikings avoided the third quarter let down and pulled away for a 77-54 victory.

"Our kids played an outstanding game and had a lot of intensity," said Moffit.

The Vikings traveled to Rogers City on Tuesday, Feb. 18, and host Whittemore-Prentiss on Friday, Feb. 21.



SHOOTING HOOPS -- Sam Modica (above) and Travis Parkinson (20, below), both members of the Grayling High School varsity basketball team, helped the Vikings defeat both Roscommon and Whittemore-Prentiss recently. photos by Craig Hofman



GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Spike's 8-1
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Sawmill/Geo Signs 57 -- T. Doremire 15, Kirk 12, M. Doremire 10, Juntilla 7, Trudgeon 5, White 4, Latusek 4.
Weyerhaeuser 55 -- Trenary 15, Dandy 11, Grant 11, Ruddy 11, Hull 3, Hinds 2, McGregor 2. **Holiday Inn 52** -- Finch 14, Hamlin 12, Swanson 7, Smith 4, Madill 4, Weaver 4, Weiler 4, Simon 3.
Spike's 82 -- Church 25, Patterson 23, Kucharek 15, Thompson 12, T. Gardiner 5, Kolka 2. **Sawmill/Geo Signs 71** -- Kirk 14, M. Doremire 13, Juntilla 12, T. Doremire 11, White 8, Bindschatel 6, Trudgeon 3, Dittmer 2, Bonamic 2.
Spike's 70 -- Kucharek 18, Patterson 17, Potter 10, Kolka 8, Thompson 8, J. Gardiner 7, T. Gardiner 2. **Grayling Generating Station 47** -- Geers 20, Wolcott 12, Peters 7, Hannan 6, M. Wakeley 2.
Holiday Inn 63 -- Hamlin 16, Simon 12, Weaver 10, Madill 7, Weiler 6, Smith 5, Swanson 5, Dean 1, Finch 1. **Lange Vending 59** -- Jung 21, Anderson 14, S. Hartman 11, Cragg 5, R. Harland 3, Danenburg 3.
Top Ten Scorers: Jung 29, Church 21.3, Ryckman 19.3, Patterson 18.5, Kucharek 16.7, Waite 16.4, Abney 16, Geers 15.7, Simon 15, Kirk 14.
3-point Leaders: Patterson 46, Jung 32, Church 31, Simon 22, Donahoe 15.
Free Throw %: Ryckman 87, Church 88.2, Simon 79.4, Fox 75, Anderson 75.
Foul Leaders: Weaver 34, Kirk 32, T. Wakeley 26, Hull 26, Kucharek 24.

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Holiday Inn Viking of the week



Basketball Ben Haskel

Viking senior Ben Haskel was chosen Viking of the Week for his hard work and leadership, and for giving some solid minutes at the defensive end of the court last week.

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K of C crowns free throw champions



CHAMPS AWARDED -- These local kids won their respective age groups in the local competition of the Knights of Columbus free throw shooting contest. The winners are (front, from left): Gibson Tobin, Laura Gorski, Adam Kaiser, Emily Henion, (back) Kelly Jansen, Tabitha Harney, Levi Burkett, Nate Hinkle and Brandon Gorr.

Nine boys and girls, aged 10 to 14, were named local champions of the 1997 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship and earned the right to compete at the district level.

Grayling Council 1982 hosted the

local competition at the Grayling Middle School Gym on Saturday, Jan. 18. All youngsters from ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Laura Gorski was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Gibson Tobin was winner of the 10-year-old boys'

division. In the 11-year-old bracket of the competition, Emily Henion was the girls' champion and Adam Kaiser was the boys' champion.

Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boy divisions were Kelly Jansen and Brandon Gorr. The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Tabitha Harney and the boys' by Levi Burkett. Fourteen-year-old boys' winner was Nate Hinkle. There were no girls that competed in this age bracket.

Local winners advanced to districts held on Feb. 1 at the Gaylord St. Mary's gym. Of the nine local winners competing, eight won their divisions.

In the 10-year-old bracket, both Laura and Gibson were winners. Emily and Adam were winners in the 11-year-old division. For 12-year-olds, Kelly and Brandon advance, while Tabitha continues for 13-year-olds. Nate Hinkle won the 14-year-old boys' division.

These eight finalists advance to the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship regionals. This event will be held at the Gaylord St. Mary's gym on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. Regional winners will go to Lansing on March 9 for the State Finals.

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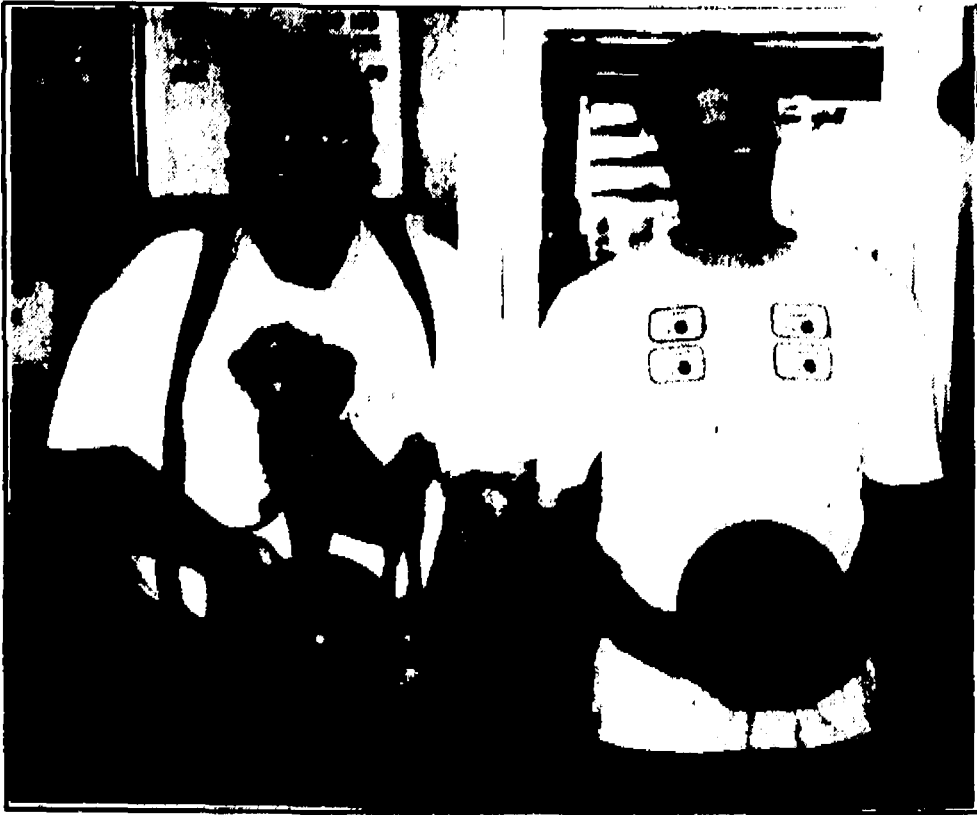
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BOWLING FAMILIES -- Todd and Philip Roberson (above) and Jesse Gildner (below) were a portion of the participants in the Grayling Youth Bowling Family Twosome event that took place recently. Awards for the event will be presented at the awards banquet in March.

photos by Craig Hofman



YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Island Hoppers	
Beach Bums	18-6
Treasure Hunters	18-6
Wave Runners	15-8-5
Star Gazers	12-12
Pearl Divers	11-13
Radioactive Coconuts	8-5-15-5
Pirates	7-17
Rain Makers	6-18
Boy's High Game: Doug Wilhelm	187
Boy's High Series: Doug Wilhelm	507
Girl's High Game: Nikki Strohpaul	162
Girl's High Series: Nikki Strohpaul	430
Beach	
Sand Pipers	17-4
Sea Shells	12-6
Wild Orchids	10-8
Flamingos	9-9
Star Fishes	8-5-9-5
Coconuts	8-5-9-5
Sand Castles	4-14
Jelly Fish	3-15
Boy's High Game: Brett Stoddard	127
Boy's High Series: Brett Stoddard	218
Girl's High Game: Danielle Mathey	145
Girl's High Series: Danielle Mathey	242
Ocean	
Dolphins	13-5
Sea Horses	12-6
Hurricanes	11-7
Sea Gulls	11-7
Turtles	9-9
Title Waves	8-5-9-5
Sharks	4-14
String Rays	3-5-14-5
Boy's High Game: Brian Phillips	128
Boy's High Series: Kaluh Fedak	235
Girl's High Game: Darcie Lovely	99
Girl's High Series: Darcie Lovely	158

The freshmen Vikings post a 4-1 record

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School boys freshmen basketball team posted a 4-1 record in the first two weeks of February.

Grayling opened up February with a victory over the Gaylord Blue Devils on Monday, Feb. 3. The Vikings escaped with a 57-56 victory.

The Vikings avenged a loss earlier in the season to the Blue Devils and showed their continued improvement during the season.

"The team played with a great amount of control and they did not fall apart in the closing seconds of the game," said coach Doug Simons.

Brad Wilson was acknowledged for his defensive play and Adam Knapp had a strong offensive and defensive game.

"Adam showed some great rebounding skills," said Simons.

Josh Brannan did a great job handling the pressure of the Blue Devils which in the long run made a huge difference in the game.

The Vikings hosted Whittemore-Prescott and the Vikings had no trouble handling the Cardinals, defeating them 71-26.

"This was an all around good game and every player contributed to the team effort," said Simons.

Marcus Weaver, Tim Ormsbee, Ray Trudgeon and Matt Mitchell had great games off the bench.

Grayling continued its winning ways against East Jordan. The Vikings won the contest 61-30.

"The team played really hard and

stepped up their level of play against a very hard working East Jordan team," said Simons.

Brad Wilson led the team with 29 points and Brian McCurdy followed with 17.

The only loss that the Vikings suffered in the first two weeks of February was to the Houghton Lake Bobcats. The Vikings were defeated 57-55.

The Vikings were looking forward to this re-match and led during most of the second half, but some defensive mistakes cost them the possible victory.

"Houghton Lake played a good game and remained focused. We also played good, but those few mistakes cost you against good teams," said Simons.

The leading scorer was Brian McCurdy with 19 points and Brad Wilson added 16. David Hawkins helped out with 11 points.

The Vikings came out on Thursday, Feb. 13, and got some redemption from the Houghton Lake loss and defeated the Lincoln-Alcona Tigers 74-40.

"We came in focused and played under control the entire game. Assistant coach Eric LaForest made excellent decisions moving players around, especially moving Brad Wilson to the forward spot," said Simons.

Every player on the Viking team scored and Brad Wilson led the team with 29 and David Hawkins finished with 20.

Spikers battle through injuries; league meet on tap

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Grayling volleyball team looked more like a MASH unit than a top notch volleyball squad this past week. Three players were injured and another could not attend the Tawas Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The Vikings battled on, but had trouble during the tournament and an earlier match against Onaway on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

"We are the walking wounded right now," coach Rebecca Brown said.

Grayling split its first two matches at the Tawas Tournament, and were swept in the third match. The Vikings battled Whittemore-Prescott first, finishing with 15-13 and 9-15 scores. The second match against Gladwin resulted in a 15-13 and 6-15 split. Grayling was defeated twice by Tawas, 6-15 and 4-15.

Jamie McGuire, Melissa Ostwald, Erin Smith and Jessica St. Germain were unable to participate in Tawas. Mandy Trudgeon and Emily Weaver were pulled up from the JV squad for this match. Brown said both did a good job of filling in.

"The good news is we saw that we can perform with some of our top players out," Brown said. "The team worked hard to compete and make adjustments with new players in new positions."

"The bad news is right when we are hitting our stride, we have people go down," Brown said.

The Vikings battled to a hard fought victory against Onaway, by scores of 15-13, 13-15 and 17-15.

Amy Godlewski and Kristie Cadeau led the team in sets against the Cardinals. Godlewski finished with 44 and Cadeau added 37. Jessica St. Germain led the team with 21 spikes in the contest. The Viking service game was led by Jamie McGuire with 14



SPIKE IT — Kristie Cadeau goes up to smash the ball down in recent Grayling volleyball action. The Vikings will be participating in the league meet on Friday, Feb. 21.

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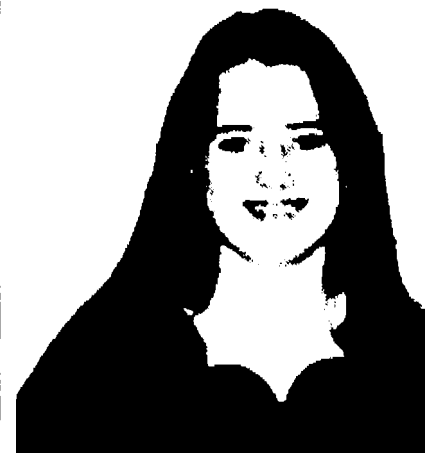
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Volleyball Rebecca Shahan

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Meeting Held on January 27, 1997 Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Akers, Ruddy, *Moshier.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Judy Morford, Wayne Winchester, Derek McEvers, Eric Gaertner, Verna Meharg, City Treasurer.

III. 97-07

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak.

*Moshier was now present.

a. Derek McEvers spoke to Council regarding Zoning decision made regarding Michelson Memorial Church expansion. He stated that the Zoning Administrator had misinterpreted the City Zoning Ordinance and had approved a site plan for a prepared addition which would violate Sections 6.2 and 7.4 of the Ordinance. He also stated that Mr. Morford had failed to keep him fully advised of all matters related to the proposed expansion. Mayor

Golnick asked if Mr. McEvers had received all pertinent data to date. Mr. McEvers indicated that he had all of the data but had received it from the Church and it should have come direct from the Zoning Official. Mr. Morford stated that the Pastor had assured him that he would provide the up to date information to Mr. McEvers as he wished to maintain a dialogue with him regarding the project. Mr. McEvers also presented a letter signed by Mr. McEvers and his wife requesting a written statement from the Zoning Administrator (see attached). City Council directed Mr. Morford to refer this matter to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. McEvers will follow with the procedure to present his case to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. December 1996 Finance Report.

b. Corrected Audit, Page 28.

c. M.M.L. Workers Compensation

Fund regarding Fund Financial Statements as of June 30, 1996.

d. Emergency Services Council

Minutes of Jan. 8, 1997.

VI. Old Business.

a. Resolution to correct Local Street

Fund Deficit.

97-08

Moved by Stevens, supported by

Golnick to transfer 25% of Major Street Act 51

funds in the amount of \$18,218.72 to the Local

Street Fund and transfer to the Local Street

Fund from the General Fund the balance of

\$9,755.28. This action is taken to eliminate a

deficit of \$27,974.00 in the Local Street Fund as

of July 1, 1996. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0,

motion carried.

b. Payment on 1996 Audit Bill. Mr. Stevens questioned a portion of the audit bill which was explained by the City Treasurer. 97-09

Moved by Stevens, supported by Moshier to pay the invoice from Hill, Schroderus & Co. in the amount of \$10,920.00 for professional services rendered on the 1995-96 Audit. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VII. New Business.

a. Discussion of Dry Hydrant Grant Application.

97-10

Moved by Golnick, supported by Akers to approve of the Grant Application for Funding-Rural Community Fire Protection Grant Program. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. Reports of City Manager.

a. Daniel Reszka running for Representative Allen Lowes position in 2 years.

b. Reviewing County Recreation Plan.

c. Proposed ICMA Retirement Trust changes.

IX. Reports of Council Members. None.

X. Adjournment.

97-11

Moved by Golnick, supported by

Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5,

Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting

was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Stephen Doyle and Ruth Doyle, husband and wife, to the Grayling State Bank. The Mortgage is dated March 2, 1993 and was recorded on March 10, 1993 in Liber 356 on pages 93 to 100 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and 47/100 (\$11,569.47) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 5, 1997 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door of the County Building which is located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the current rate of 7.62% (variable rate) per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as: Lot(s) 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 3, PORTAGE LAKE PARK, SECOND ADDITION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 19 of the Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.324(a) in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

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-13-20-27

NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 7 pm.

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS: Monday, March 10, 1997, 9 am till 12 noon, and 1-4 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, March 11, 13, 6-9 pm.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

-13-20-27

Laura Smith, Clerk

NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, from 9 am to 12 noon.

The board will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11, 1997, from 9 am to 12 noon and 1-4 pm, at the Lovells Township Hall.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	36.67	1.3635
Commercial	49.34	1.0000
Residential	47.48	1.0531
Personal	49.98	1.0000

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Frederick Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 4, 1997, at 11 am, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, for the purpose of reviewing the 1997 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 10, 1997, and Tuesday, March 11, 1997, 9 am to 12 noon and 1-4 pm, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township.

CLASS	FACTOR
Agricultural	1.0000
Commercial	1.0000
Industrial	1.0000
Residential	1.0000

-20-27-6

Lee Riley
Township Supervisor

NOTICE GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 10 am, at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 10, 1997, until 12 noon, and 1-4 pm. They will meet again with taxpayers on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, during the same hours. This year, the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 13, from 6-8:30 pm, and Saturday, March 15, from 10 am to 2 pm. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come, first-served basis."

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Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the Grayling City Hall, 103 James St., on the following dates:

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS:

Monday, March 10, 1997, 9 am - 12 noon and 1-4 pm.

Tuesday, March 11, 1997, 9 am - 12 noon and 1-4 pm.

Saturday, March 15, 1997, 9 am - 1 pm.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 7 pm, at City Hall.

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000

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Larry D. Hunter
City Assessor

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by GLENN R. HAGLE and SUZANN L. HAGLE, husband and wife, whose address is 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgage, dated October 2, 1981, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on October 6, 1981, in Liber 200 of Crawford County Records on Pages 561 through 564, inclusive. By reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 17/100 (\$29,564.17) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in Pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at the public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday February 27, 1997 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. local time, in the forenoon of

FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: Feb. 23 - March 1, 1997

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March 21-April 19 A little affection goes a long way. Show the one you love just how much you care.
- TAURUS**
April 20 - May 20 Take the high road to success by watching your p's and q's. Investigate the possibilities.
- GEMINI**
May 21 - June 20 Lasting happiness cannot be bought nor is it wrapped up in the physical. You will have to look inside of yourself to find it.
- CANCER**
June 21 - July 22 Accept reality. Pull your head down out of the clouds and give up on the impossible. Be truthful with yourself.
- LEO**
July 23 - Aug 22 One who appears to be on your side, isn't. Give away no confidences and remember who your real friends are.
- VIRGO**
Aug 23 - Sept 22 If you are looking for an answer, look behind you. The solution lies in the past.
- LIBRA**
Sept 23 - Oct 22 The humiliation of others will garner attention but it will not gain the respect you crave. Watch what you say.
- SCORPIO**
Oct 23 - Nov 21 What appears to be fascinating now, will not be so appealing later. Stick to what you know and stop drooling over what you don't.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22 - Dec 21 A bad attitude will spread and problems will multiply. Nip trouble in the bud, quickly.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec 22 - Jan 19 An investment in real estate now could develop into real money later on. Obtain professional advice.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan 20 - Feb 18 Older person wants to share his views. Listen with patience and allow him to have his say.
- PISCES**
Feb 19 - March 20 Profits will sink before the end of the first quarter. Don't give up on your investment yet, for it will turn around soon.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 21, 1974

The appointment of Robert M. Biter as Niles Production Manager for Bear Archery, Division Victor Comptometer Corporation has been announced by Alan E. Beatty, Bear Archery Executive Vice President.

Bernard (Jim) Bourne, owner of the Grayling Restaurant, has been appointed a commissioner of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Mike Branch, Grayling High School athletic director, announced that Grayling has been awarded both the Class "C" district and regional tournaments for the area to take place the first two weeks in March.

The new, dual purpose high school band uniform is now on display in the cafeteria of the new school. The uniforms are scheduled to arrive the week of April 15 and donations are still being accepted according to Band Booster President, Jim Crawford.

Recognition for outstanding scholarship at Kirtland Community College, has been extended to: Deborah A. Rutkowski, who earned a 4.0 grade point average, for placement on the President's list; Julie Ann Golnick, Michael A. Roper, Jonathon E. Schultz, Mary C. Hunter and Terry D. Valdick, all of Grayling, who earned a 3.5 grade point average and placed on the Dean's list.

Mrs. James Forbes had all of her children home for the weekend. Jack and June Forbes of Farmington Hills, Pat and Geo. Duncan, with children, John and Ann of Petoskey and Cathy and Jack Jones of Lansing. Skiing was the highlight of activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Robertson of Minneapolis, Minn. announce the birth of a daughter, Charity, on February 2. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 ozs. at birth. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robertson of Grayling and Dr. and Mrs. Aaron B. Rutledge of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. William LaRush had visitors over the weekend, their son, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Perry and their two daughters, Kelly and Angela of Lowell and they also visited her mother, Mrs. Arnold Hubbell and family.

Be sure to register at Black & White Foodland every day for a free whole beef rib to be given away March 2.

The Legion Lanes Snack Bar has fish, fries and slaw for \$1.35, shrimp, fries and slaw for \$1.65 and chicken, fries and slaw for \$1.85.

The Grayling Businessmen would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to William Mack, Burt McWilliams and Jack Mason, plus those too numerous to mention who gave "their all" in the tremendous

promotion done in organizing the opossum hunt. Various estimates place the crowd at between eight and ten thousand. We doff our hats to you gentlemen.

46 Years Ago February 22, 1951

Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. Leonard Allison on Monday evening with twenty-eight members present. At the business meeting it was again decided to sponsor a girl to Girl's State this year.

Thirty-seven business houses or businessmen donated over \$170 to General Carnival Chairman Alfred J. Sorenson last week to defray expenses of workers at the Grayling Winter Sports Park in order to give the children of Grayling a free day of winter sports.

J. C. Millikin of Grayling started the basement for the new Town Hall the first of the week.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Caid, Jr., in Adrian. The young man will be known as Mathew J. Caid. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Caid of Lovells.

Judge and Mrs. Ray F. Clement attended the Republican Convention held in Detroit the past weekend and stopped in Bay City en route to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Papendick of Detroit, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McClain and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Svend Madsen and family of Gaylord spent Sunday here visiting the Whitey and Norman Madsen families.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Clough and son, Kerry, spent last week in Detroit. Mr. Clough on business. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaMotte, who are visiting their daughter and family, the Charles Williams in Lincoln Park.

Harry Miller is playing host to a fractured arm as the result of a fall on the ice last Friday night.

Nineteen minor accidents were reported to the office of Sheriff William Golnick last Friday night as the result of the icy roads.

69 Years Ago February 23, 1928

Hans Peterson was nominated to succeed himself as village president on the Citizens ticket. George Burke was nominated on the Peoples ticket.

Gaylords highly-touted Veterans of Foreign Wars basketball teams long string of victories came to a sudden and abrupt ending here last Tuesday, when the local Independent quintet captained by LaVerne Chushman romped through the Northmen's defense and meted out to them a sound



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and decisive beating, running the score up to 58 against 27 for their opponents.

John W. Staley, president of the People's Wayne County Bank, who died in Detroit suddenly Friday, at the age of 56 years, was a former Grayling young man.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cooley had as their guest over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cooley and Miss Florence Fernholtz of Lansing.

A daughter, Beatrice Josephine, was born on February 17th to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick.

Misses Nina and Louise Sorenson of Grayling Mercy Hospital training school for nurses expect to leave next Tuesday for Grand Rapids to take their finishing course at St. Mary's Hospital there.

George Pennell and his sons, George and Keith, have gone extensively into muskrat raising as a side line. Mr. Pennell is in the lumber business in Spokane, Washington and with his sons has purchased 640 acres of land for Pontiac yesterday, where they expect to be employed.

Wesley LaGrow, who is manager of an A & P store in Detroit was in Grayling Sunday, his parents returning to Detroit with him.

Misses Marjorie Woods and Jane McGrady of Bay City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven and with a number of others took in the toboggan slide.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson gave a dance at their home last Saturday night.

Mrs. John Canfield burned her arm quite badly Monday when she accidentally fell against the kitchen stove.

Rudolph Harrison had the misfortune to break one of the bones of his right arm between the wrist and elbow while playing basketball.

Mrs. Hansine Hanson returned Sunday from a pleasant visit with her son Herman in Flint.

Angus McPhee of West Branch spent a couple of days here this week visiting old friends.

Mrs. Paul Feldhauser has been in Grayling for several days with her three daughters, two of whom have been ill with the flu. They are at the Henry Feldhauser home so as to be near the doctor.

On the Grayling Girls basketball lineup, Buggy, Matson, L. Swanson, LaMotte, Bidvia, Warren, Chamberlain, M. Schuman.

94 Years Ago February 23, 1902

P. J. Shirts, Jr. who is scalling for Salling Hanson & Co. at Wolverine was home yesterday for a visit. He reports over three feet of snow on the level.

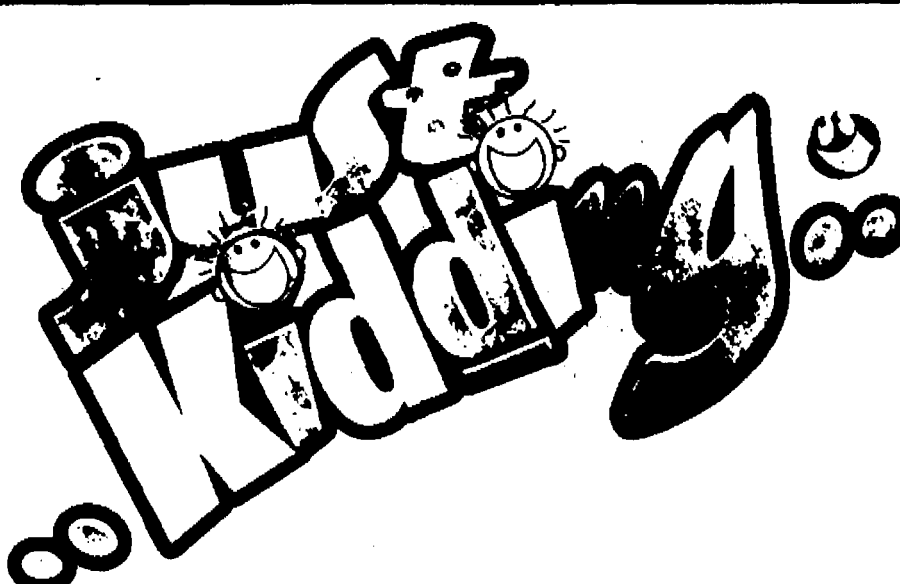
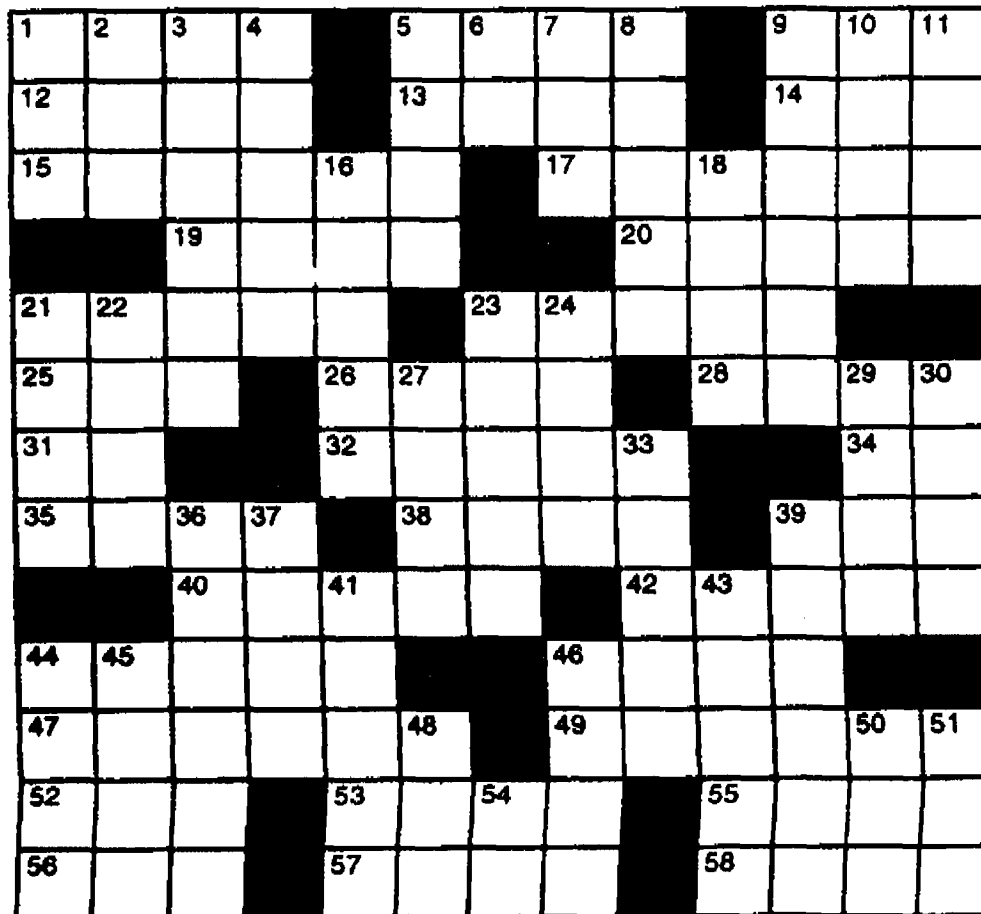
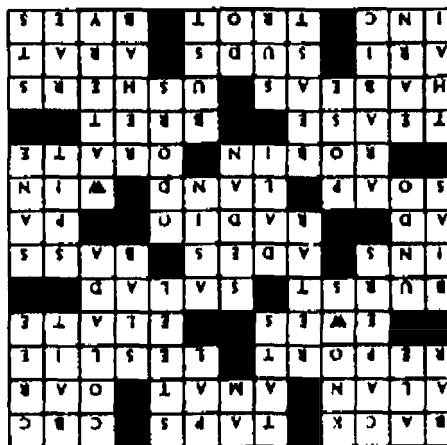
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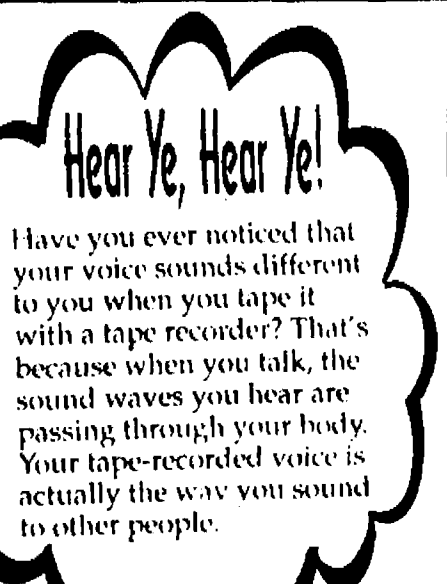
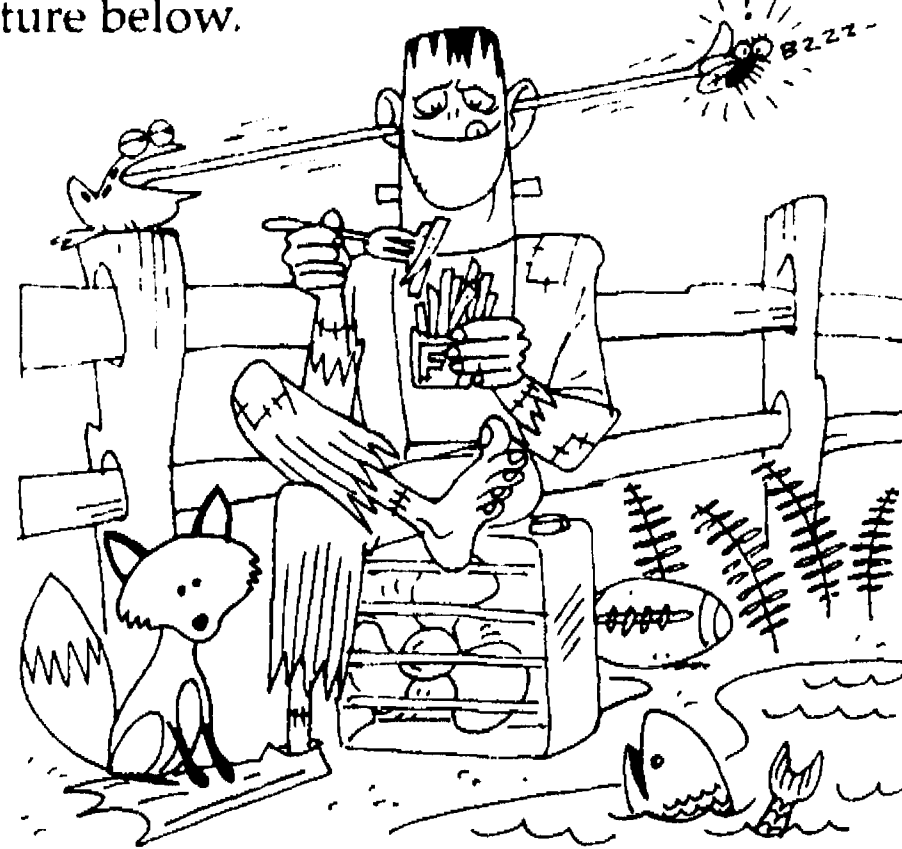
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Fee, fie, fo, fum—this is a puzzle that starts with "F." Find 16 words that start with "F" in the picture below.



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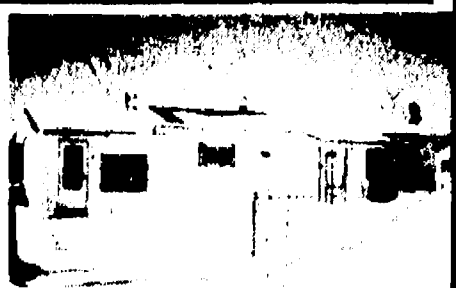
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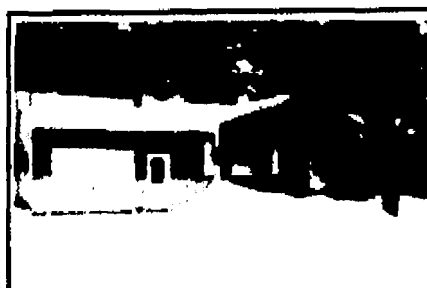
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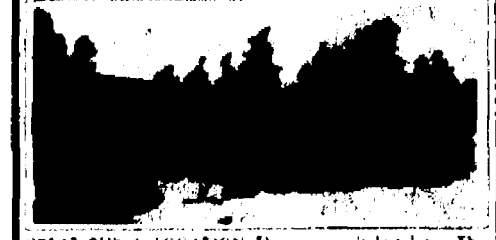


Minimum maintenance, two-bedroom ranch with 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, full basement-carpeted and drywalled, lots of closets, all appliances including dishwasher, washer and dryer. Natural gas heat, garage, large deck, new drainfield, extra wooded lot. 212 Kerry, in subdivision next to City of Grayling. \$75,000. Call 348-4226 or 348-2921. 2/13/97f/1

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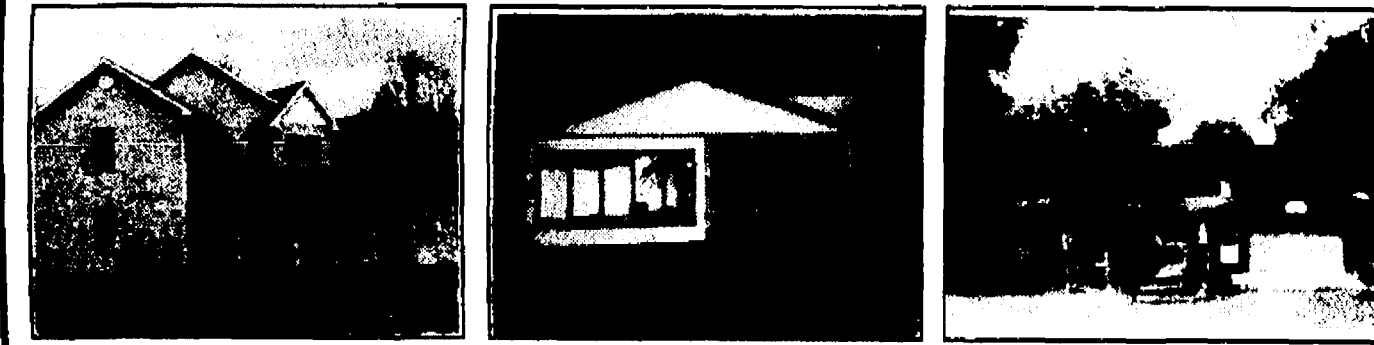
GREAT BUY & LOCATION This one won't last long. This lovely very well maintained, newly remodeled, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is located just minutes from Grayling and AuSable River. South of AuSable River. This special features include: hardwood floors, vinyl windows and siding, marble top kitchen island, insulated garage, attached tool shed, security lighting, 13x10 deck, garden, all on 1.5 acres. \$59,900. Call for more info. #4028



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88' of Lake Margrethe frontage

Four-bedroom home with loft and two baths. Offers new sea wall, new well, patio, pole building and garage. Great vacation get-a-way home! **PRICE REDUCED, \$196,500. #3889**

Located in a great subdivision

This fine home is located in a great subdivision. Features a full basement, two-car attached garage, three bedrooms, two baths, enclosed screened porch and more. **ONLY \$78,900. #3909**



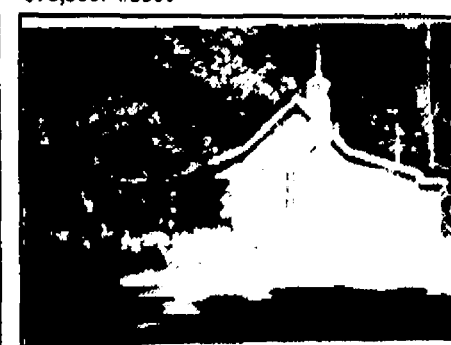
View of Lake Margrethe

from this totally remodeled three-bedroom chalet. Offers a two-car garage, nice deck and large windows. Some of the NEW features include: Berber carpeting, vinyl siding, water heater, well pump, vinyl floors, natural gas log fireplace and fresh paint. **Must see this one! \$81,500. #3989**



Immediate occupancy

This three-bedroom home in the city has recently been remodeled. It offers NEW vinyl siding, NEW roof, NEW carpet and fresh paint. Also features a basement, fenced back yard and lots of storage area. **\$53,900. #3974**



Perfect seasonal or rental property

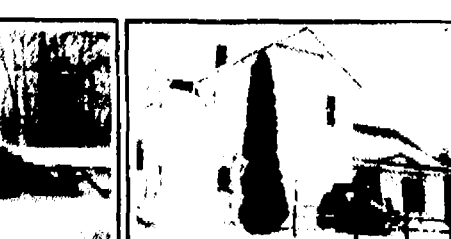
Within walking distance to Lake Margrethe. This ranch home would be the perfect seasonal or full-time rental property. Minutes from snowmobile and RV trails. **PRICE REDUCED TO \$19,900. #3943**



OPPORTUNITY AWAITS! This property has much to offer being located in a fast-growing town in a great subdivision. Spacious three-bedroom home in like-new condition. Features vaulted ceilings, Berber carpet and oak kitchen include ceramic tile counters, fireplace. The shop has a private skylights, oak cabinets and a stream running through the land. **\$45,000. IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY AT fresh paint. \$69,900. #4018**



LOCATION-LOCATION! Over 12 acres of land, yet located only minutes from the city. This beautiful three-bedroom home in like-new condition is beautifully decorated with new basement. Some NEW features include: vaulted ceilings, Berber carpet and oak kitchen include ceramic tile counters, fireplace. The shop has a private skylights, oak cabinets and a stream running through the land. **\$45,000. IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY AT fresh paint. \$69,900. #4018**



VERY NICE THREE-BEDROOM FIVE BEDROOM HOME in the city. This home only four blocks features 2 1/2 baths, cement driveway and a full drywalled basement. Home driveway and a full drywalled basement. Home driveway and a full drywalled basement. Home driveway and a full drywalled basement. **IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY AT fresh paint. \$69,900. #4018**

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CHECK OUT THIS LOVELY three-bedroom chalet close to Higgins Lake and snowmobile trails, on a blacktop road. It features a nicely wooded lot, cable TV, new paint, roof, carpeting, tile, hot water tank and a free-standing gas fireplace. All this for only \$66,000. Better not delay this one! #203

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ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS in this large 1,800 sq. ft., two-bedroom, gambrel-roofed home on 10 secluded acres, with state land across the road. Just think about sitting by the beautiful stone fireplace watching the wildlife in the yard, just a short distance from the AuSable River. \$88,500. #209.

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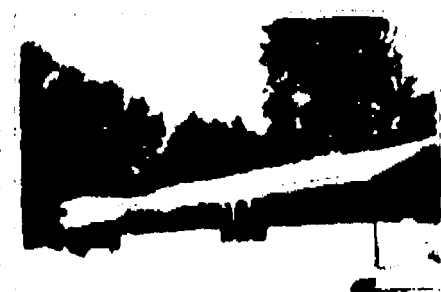
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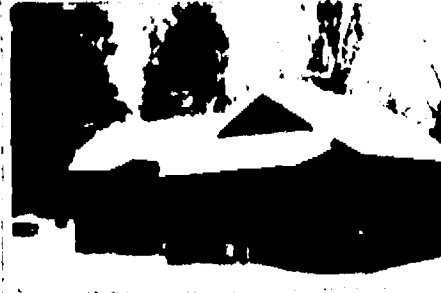
NEAR GRAYLING Located off M-72 West, two to three bedroom home with lots of recent updating. 24x24 garage and breezeway, natural gas heat. Includes stove and refrigerator. **\$42,900.** (JH-20)



NEW HOME Close access to Lake Margrethe. 24x walls, 1,378 sq. ft. with three bedrooms and two baths, skylights, walk-in closets, fireplace. Cedar half-log siding. **\$69,500.** (JW-53)



CITY CONVENIENCE Three bedroom, two bath home, like new condition. Natural gas, hot water heat. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. Deck and parking slab, four ceiling fans. **\$59,000.** (LM-920)



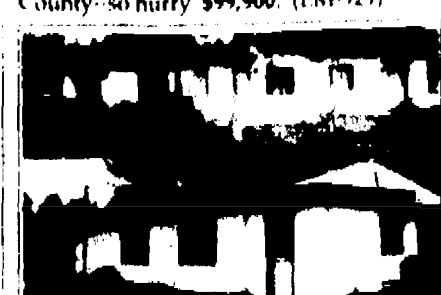
HUNTING CABIN on 80 wooded acres. 1/2 mile of blacktop road frontage with state land on two sides. Cabin sleeps seven and furnishings are included. Not many large parcels available in Crawford County--so hurry. **\$99,900.** (LM-929)



AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM 3-level A-frame, four bedrooms, circular stairs, lower level great room, 20x34 w/brick wall fireplace and woodburner insert, 12' doorwall, garage w/half bath, a great view of river. **\$125,000.** (MC-479)



ROOM TO ROAM Six-bedroom home with two baths, 30x6 pole barn garage and a small guest house or workshop. Twenty acres with large hardwoods, apple orchard and thousands of planted pines near the river. Adjoins state land. **\$149,000.** (DL-34)



COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE on Old-37 North (Bus Loop 175). Six rental units on 300' frontage. Excellent gross with possibilities for a business and living quarters and other rental units. Owner financing. **\$93,000.** (HS-25)



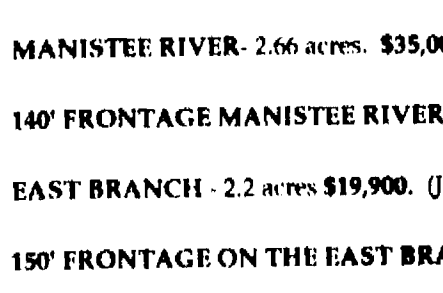
GREAT STARTER HOME, cabin or get-away. Two bedrooms, down and large 17x22 area on second floor with three double beds. Completely furnished, just move right in. 22x24 heated garage. All on 1.95 acres. **\$39,900.** (DM-33)



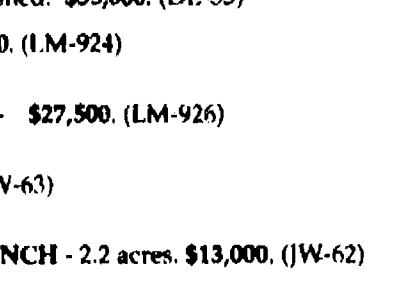
NORTH DOWN RIVER ROAD Handy to state land, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing. Modern one-bedroom cabin, garage and shed. **\$35,000.** (DL-35)



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137.5 FT. FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE Majestic white pines that line the river bank. 2,886 sq. ft., basement, 30x80 pole barn, three bedrooms, two baths, sun porch facing river, covered porch off the master suite, extensive landscaping, vaulted ceilings with three skylights, large window walls onto deck. All on 10.6 acres of land. Adjoins state land. A MUST SEE. **\$227,500.** Price reduced, **\$220,000.** CH-425



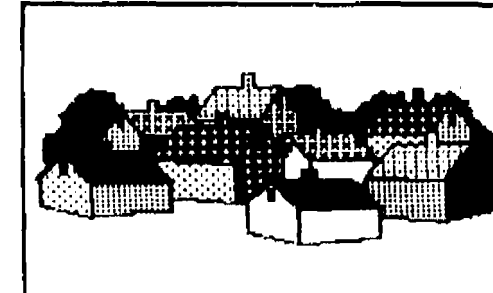
LOCATION SAYS EVERYTHING! 3-bedroom, 1-bath offers 1,360 sq. ft., family room with brick fireplace, opens onto a cement patio to expand leisure activities to the out-of-doors. Oak Parkway floors in living room and hallway. Mud room between entry and attached garage. Close to town, school and shopping. **\$49,900.** CS-527



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100' OF FRONTAGE ON FAMED "HOLY WATERS" of the AuSable Mainstream on 3.63 acres (located below Stephen Bridge Road). Secluded riverfront home offers 1,600 sq. ft., two bedrooms with hardwood floors, living room offers knotty pine walls, two garages, two basements with separate entrances, cyclone fenced yard, fenced garden area, beautiful mixture of trees with babbling creek running through. Reduced, **\$87,500.** CS-493



PINE OAK RENTALS Looking for cash flow, or a tax shelter. Seven rental units only 1/2 mile from city limits. Exceptional income opportunity with low vacancy rates. CH-526



TAKE TO THE WOODS 10 acres with abundance of wildlife, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. open floor plan to kitchen, living room and dining room. Utility room offers washer-dryer hook-up. Close to state land, AuSable River, Kneff Lake and country store. **\$46,500.** CS-490

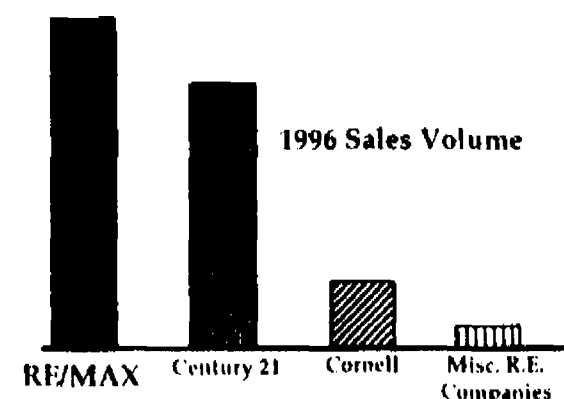


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MOST DESERVING — The most deserving students at Frederic Elementary School for the month of December were (front, from left): Jessica Drogowski, Julie Teal, Ashley McLeod, (back) Travis Isenhauer, Doug Webb, Wayne McMann and Maggie Van Guildner.

Scholarships available from business women

The educational committee of the Grayling Chapter of American Business Women began accepting scholarship applications on Feb. 17. Scholarships will be available for tuition and books for college or other post secondary education.

Applicants must be residents of Crawford County who are seeking either a business or professional career.

Scholarships for students who are entering their first year of study at a two- or four-year institution will be awarded the scholarship after completing the first semester or term and proof of enrollment in the second. Graduate student scholarships will be awarded upon presentation of a paid tuition statement.

Application forms became available

during regular business hours Feb. 17 from Cornell Real Estate and the Chamber of Commerce.

Applications will also be available at the Grayling High School Counseling Office and Kirtland Community College Financial Aid Office. Deadline for returning completed applications is April 11.

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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

Despite the problems our song birds are experiencing and their reduced numbers, it is amazing how many bird nests are visible at this time of the year in the deciduous trees. You have to poke your head inside the canopy of a conifer to discover how many nests are otherwise hidden to our casual glance. That a nest can withstand the ravages of winter weather dispels the feeling they are fragile.

Using only their feet and bills as tools, birds are able to construct a surprising variety of homes for their families. According to the experts, birds build their nest by instinct, but that doesn't explain their departure from the use of the normal materials provided by nature such as kleenex, toilet tissue or lint from the dryer. Nor does it explain why some species build so many dummy nests. Common Wrens for example will fill all but one wren house in your yard with twigs and choose that one in which to raise

their family. Are they really that territorial or intolerant of competition? Maybe it runs in the family, because Marsh Wrens will build a number of rather conspicuous dummy nests and hide their real nest so well it may require several days of careful observation and searching to locate it.

Don't think for a minute that twigs are the only material used in nest construction. Hummingbirds fashion a nest about the size of a half dollar from spider webs, lichens, plant down and mosses. Robins use a combination of twigs and mud, while Cliff and Barn Swallows build their nests mud pellet by mud pellet, which they usually plaster to buildings, bridge abutments or rocky cliffs. Most birds use a nest for one nesting season, but not the eagles and ospreys. Undisturbed nests are added to each year until they become so large they sometimes collapse of their own weight. Ducks head the list of those who insulate

their nests with down plucked by the female from her breast. The down in the nests of Eider Ducks is gathered for use as stuffing in comforters and pillows. Fly Catchers almost always add a few snakeskins to their nest regardless if it is in a nest box or in a hollow tree. One can wonder about that as Fly Catchers are sometimes the prey of snakes.

Man has been responsible for many of the problems our bird friends have, but we have also provided chimneys for Swifts to build their nest in; the braces on our road side signs are used by Sparrows to support their nests; Barn Owls now nest in silos and barns; Whip-poor-wills lay their eggs on the gravel roofs of buildings in our cities and so it goes. Living with and enhancing the survival of our birds can be done. It takes a bit of thought and of course understanding, but given that, the birds will do their thing.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Jim and Teri Powers enjoyed a week's vacation on Grand Cayman Island. It was both a pleasure and business trip as Powers, a retired dentist, attended a Continuing Education Dental Seminar. They did some swimming while on vacation and saw stingrays in the water. The Powers became permanent Grayling residents several years ago at their home on the Manistec River. They have two children who attend local schools, Jeremiah in the second grade and Kristen, a 10th grader, an honor student who is on the ski team and takes part in forensics.

Mrs. Carol Nama of Perry spent one week with her daughter, Mary Nama, and husband, Toby Shambarger, and enjoyed some cross-country skiing. Carol also spent several days with her sister in Acme.

Les and Jan Gill and daughters, of Rosebush, spent weekend before last with her mother, Mrs. Beth Seator, and brother, Bob.

Barbara Nelson flew to California for a 10-day visit with Ruth Jourdan. While she was there, several parties were planned for her, one attended by the retired teachers that Barbara had taught with and another with former teacher colleagues who are still teaching. Ruth's sister had a birthday the same day as Barbara and they were both feted at a birthday party.

Lynn and Gary McConnell have bought the home which was built by the Fishers at Danish Landing. He is the commander at Camp Grayling and they have moved to Grayling to make it their permanent home. We are happy that they like our community and welcome them to Grayling.

It seems that many National Guardsmen find Grayling a very nice place after they have trained here or been stationed here. The Crawford County Historical Museum has very recently received about 20 interesting pictures of the area and particularly of Camp Grayling, from a woman in Zeeland. Upon inquiring how she happened to have them, she stated that her father had been in the guard at Camp Grayling in 1924 and had liked the area very much.

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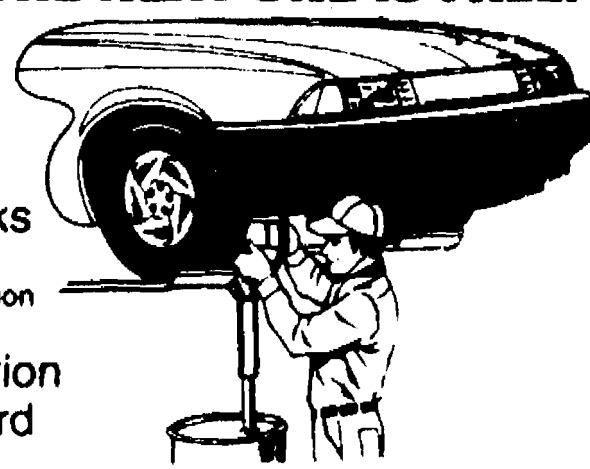
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